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Brother Bryan Simmons held two meetings in February in Smith County, one at White Oak, one at Sardis. He preached at the consolidated school in the morning, taught a class in the Sunday School Manual in the afternoon and preached at night. His work is most constructive. These churches sent in at the close of the meetings 100 subscriptions to The Baptist Record.

What?

The State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Where?

Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

When?

March 20-22.

Who?

All Sunday School Teachers and Officers and B. Y. P. U. Leaders.

How?

By Reduced Railroad Rates on Identification Certificate Plan.

Why?

To hear some of the South's leading Inspirational Speakers and Conference Leaders.

ANSWER TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Letters of inquiry have come concerning our Baptist Orphanage. One was accompanied by a statement sent by the men's class of Indianola Baptist Church. As the information is of general interest to our constituency, it is being given through The Record.

We give the following information concerning finances: The Orphanage received last year \$24,817.00. They have in the bank today, March 1st, \$6,297.38. We have from February receipts in the State Board office ready to send to the Orphanage \$899.72. This gives them in cash today \$7,197.10.

In making the allocation of 3½% to the Orphanage during the session of our State Convention, it was done with the information from Dr. Carter that they needed \$21,000.00 a year to operate on. Our financial goal is \$450,000.00 for this year. 3½% of this amount is \$15,750.00. The Orphanage has been receiving from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 a year in cash in the way of designated gifts during Thanksgiving, Christmas and other seasons, which with the regular allocation would bring the amount up to that which has been necessary for operation. This, however, is not sufficient, according to the statements from the present management, to take care of building and repair work.

Dr. J. R. Carter, who for more than a score of years superintended the Orphanage, was in the office today and I asked him for information concerning statements made with reference to the Orphanage. Complaint has been made that there were no fire-escapes. Dr. Carter states that he had an architect out and that fire doors were placed in the middle of the buildings and that a way was provided for escape there and that the architect deemed it unnecessary to build other escapes. Mention is made of the back

The campaign in the city of New Orleans for \$200,000 for the Baptist Bible Institute begins March 15. You may help by praying for those who work.

Dr. O. C. S. Wallace suggests that instead of having campaigns we have crusades, because the root of that word is the cross. But we need to be careful lest our words suffer in the fall like the "whole creation".

There are now 261 churches in the state which have from ninety per cent to all of their families taking The Baptist Record. We had thought to publish their names, but it would take a lot of room. Is your church on that list? If not, may we look for you to come in?

Be sure to secure your identification certificates to get reduced rates to the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention in Hattiesburg. Write to Sunday School Department, Baptist Building, Jackson, Miss., for as many as you think you will need. Do not delay. You cannot get reduced rates by buying your ticket at Hattiesburg for the return home. Buy a round trip ticket using the identification certificate before you leave home.

stairways having rotted down. Dr. Carter says this was not true when he turned over the management to the present Superintendent. Furthermore these stairways could be replaced at very little cost with the force now available at the Orphanage. It is stated that seventeen beds have no mattresses and mattresses are being made of quilts. It is true that they have 1,800 surplus quilts. Dr. Carter says that they use the quilts for sanitary reasons as they can be sunned every sunshiny day and were frequently placed in their steam boiler, neither of which could be done satisfactorily with mattresses. He said all of the windows had had shades, but it was hard to keep the children from pulling them down; furthermore, that the sleeping rooms were not intended for living rooms and that as for the wards with sixteen boys with only one radiator, he said that there was a room which could be heated and was supposed to be heated for them to dress in and that as for no water upstairs it could be easily carried up. As for having no hospital ward or equipment, he says that ample provision had been made at the Baptist Hospital for orphan children and that they could receive hospital treatment at the Baptist Hospital without any cost whatever as provision had already been made. As for the statement that the children have to wash their faces in wooden troughs, he says that that was not true, that to be sure the troughs are there, but the children wash their faces under a spigot, thus providing clean running water. He says when they used pans for them that you could not keep five or six from using the same water. The wooden troughs were simply to catch and convey the water away. Again it is stated that the buildings were not properly heated and that the children have to shiver in dangerous living quarters. Dr. Carter points to the fact that throughout the history of the institution the health of no body of children has been better. As for the largest building having been condemned, Dr. Car-

In The Baptist of Chicago, Feb. 25, is an article by Bernard C. Clausen, subject "Do You Believe The Bible?" He puts those who believe in its infallibility on a plane with those who believe in the infallibility of the pope. Also on a level intellectually with those who shut their eyes and put their finger down on a Bible verse, accepting it as the guide in their immediate perplexity or need. He says that Jesus differed with much that is taught in the Old Testament; and implies that belief in the infallibility of the Bible forces us to approve the lying of Jacob and all the sins of the patriarchs. For intellectual obtuseness, we have never seen anything to beat this argument. Or if it is not that, it is worse, a deliberate intellectual trick to deceive. Here is a sample of his argument: The Bible says, "There is no God". So you can't believe the Bible. How any man can satisfy his conscience, to say nothing of his reason, with such a statement it is impossible to see. Of course, the Bible does not say, there is no God, but does say the fool hath said it. And yet there are shallow-pated infidels who will satisfy their minds with such twaddle. The enemies of the Bible are the worst witnesses against themselves.

ter states that he had one of our leading architects out four years ago to look over this building and that he did not condemn it and said it could be used without any danger, and since that time Dr. Carter has spent in improvements on it \$8,000.00.

This is a part of the information which we received from Dr. Carter. When the present Superintendent came to the Orphanage, Dr. Carter turned over to him the general management and Dr. Carter spent the greater part of his time in the field visiting associations and places in the interest of the Orphanage. He thinks that conditions in some ways might have gotten worse after he turned over the management while the present Superintendent was becoming acquainted and adjusted to the situation. But the present Superintendent has made a number of improvements and changes. It is true, however, now that many of the items referred to can be taken care of at a very small expense. There are many boys in the Orphanage who can do men's work. Dr. Carter recognized this fact and so used them, and I presume they are still being so used. It has been further stated that as a whole the children are receiving as good food and attention in the main as 75% of the children receive who are contributing to the support of the Orphanage. The writer having lived near the Orphanage for over two years knows something of the attention given by the former Superintendent to this work and fears that an injustice may be done him because of the magnifying of minor matters which can so easily be taken care of. In so far as new buildings is concerned, this will call for considerable outlay, but the Superintendent says that it is possible for him to take care of the children in the good buildings, but these buildings should be repaired, the repairing of which need not be great, but will cost a few thousand dollars to put them in first-class condition.

—R. B. Gunter,
Corresponding Secretary.

ATHENS

Ernest O. Sellers

Probably no city of modern times has shown a more rapid growth than Athens, Greece, during the past five or six years. From a city of about 206,000 it has grown to nearly 800,000 population, the cause being the Turkish deportations from Asia Minor following the late Turko-Greecian war. "Smyrna rugs" are now manufactured in Athens and Pireus.

Five miles from its sea port, Pireus (125,000, population,) Athens overlooks both the hills and sea. To the tourist it looks like a barren and desolate country where foliage has to struggle for existence. In the city there are many fine asphalt paved streets, some pretentious hotels and other buildings and many evidences of the modern conveniences and equipment of the most up-to-date city. Good trams furnish transportation; about every make of American motor cars abound with a blowing of wind blown squawking horns. Athens, like many another European city, is cursed by this babble and confusion of tooting horns which is like unto nothing else on earth and impossible to describe.

After looking over the city and the country one was heard to remark that had he been the late King Constantine, when that ruler was banished to Switzerland during the period of the World War; he would have said to the Greek government, "Gentlemen, I thank you, you may stay on your bleak hills and be welcome, I prefer my exile."

The chief attraction of Athens for the tourist is its past. The ruins of the "glory that once was Greece" are most interesting and intriguing. Much has been done to set it forth in display for the student. These ruins have been a mine that has enriched the art galleries of the world, never-the-less, the museum of Athens houses a collection large and fine enough to attract world travelers. In statuary ancient Greece has never been excelled and it is even today the inspiration, the leader in the realm of marble art.

A New Orleans lawyer said in Rome that it seemed to him "that nearly everyone in the past history of Italy was either a painter or a stone cutter." If that statement be to any degree true then I am sure that the chief occupation of the men of ancient Greece was the cutting and building of stone. Theatres cut out of solid rock and embellished in marble, the wonders of the Acropolis and the ruins of the temple exceed ones vocabulary to describe.

For the Christian pilgrim Mar's Hill furnishes the chief thrill. A small group of us climbed up upon that rock and tried to visualize Paul as he stood thereon and made his matchless plea to the sensation hungry Athenians. One of the party read the record given us by Luke and the hearts of us all were stirred as we thought on what the work of that little near-sighted Jew meant to the history of civilization.

To be WHERE Paul was, even though perhaps not standing upon the exact spot, made the experience of that day in his life to live anew and afresh. Paul may not have had any sweeping results for the highly intellectual address he delivered in Athens but he did have some converts and who can say that perhaps they were the ones who prepared Greece for a day, centuries later, when Christianity was more nearly and fully accepted, that day when paganism was overthrown, slavery abolished and Greece, as well as the rest of the world, entered into a fuller revelation of the True God and the Christ Paul preached on Mar's Hill.

There is a peculiar thrill that comes to one when he looks upon that little land and recalls the tremendous contribution to art, history and government that ancient Greece has made to the world, its marvelous impact upon history. We may leave it to the philosophers and the historians to tell us why this has been so, but surely the "star of empire" long ago took its westward

journey and left on the shores of the beautiful Aegean sea some picturesque but forbidding rocks and the ruins of a civilization which never again will produce men who will be leaders of art or who will change the course of history like those of the days of Pericles, Socrates and Plato. American glory and power will too pass into a gallery of ruin unless it allows the dynamic life of the Christ Paul offered to the Athenians to direct the course and rule the lives of its citizens.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Baptists are long on some things, as for instance, baptism. They have always and everywhere insisted on New Testament baptism as a prerequisite to church membership. They do not hold or teach that baptism is essential to salvation, but they do maintain that New Testament baptism is essential to full fellowship in the local church of Jesus Christ; and hence should come before the privileges of the Lord's table. Baptists are not "close" on the communion question, but they are "close" on the question of baptism, contending that only immersion in water is the baptism set forth by our Lord Jesus Christ in both precept and example. Yes, Baptists have been long all along on baptism, doubtless to the hurt, at times, of other great and fundamental teachings of the Bible.

But they are short on records. "Let all who look for hasten the coming joyful day" when the following incomplete files of the Associational Minutes shall have been filled in:

(32) General Association of North Mississippi. Have only the copy of 1859.

(33) Greene County Baptist Association. Missing: 1917 to 1919 inclusive, and 1927.

(34) George County Baptist Association. Missing: 1926 and 1927.

(35) Grenada County Baptist Association. Missing: 1920, 1926, 1927.

(36) Gulf Coast Baptist Association. Missing: 1881, 1883, 1893 to 1895 inclusive, 1897 to 1902 inclusive, 1913, 1920.

(37) Harrison County Baptist Association. Missing: 1927.

(38) General Association of Regular Baptists (S. E. Miss.). Missing: 1855 to 1858 inclusive, 1861, 1863 to 1870 inclusive, 1872, 1875, 1884, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1905, 1906, 1915 to 1917 inclusive, 1920, 1926, 1927.

(39) Holmes County Baptist Association. Missing: 1927.

(40) Hinds County Baptist Association. Missing: 1921 to 1924 inclusive, 1926, 1927.

(41) Harmony Baptist Association. Missing: 1850, 1851, 1853 to 1855 inclusive, 1858 to 1866 inclusive, 1873, 1876, 1878, 1881, 1883 to 1885 inclusive, 1894, 1895, 1902 to 1909 inclusive, 1911 to 1927 inclusive.

With appreciation for the cooperation of the Brotherhood,

—J. L. Boyd, Secretary.

SANATORIUM PROSPERING

H. F. Vermillion, El Paso, Texas

Two months this year the El Paso Sanatorium for tuberculosis has made a profit. Only a very few years ago the Sanatorium was costing the denomination \$41,000 and doing \$5,000 worth of charity. Our deficit this year is to date \$14,600 and we have done \$16,900 in charity round numbers.

The average number of patients under treatment for the year so far is about 100. We have had an improved condition financially and in service each year for several years and, if the present improvement continues, the Sanatorium will be self supporting soon.

The Republic of Chile has passed a law separating Church and State. But Catholic and protestant ministers are permitted to teach in the public schools without state pay.

The Contribution of Denominational Colleges To Public Education.

D. M. Nelson.

Christianity is the mother of education. It has brought all the tremendous moral and spiritual influence to bear upon the basic work of creating among the masses an educational appetite. It has exalted the highest and profoundest ideal of glorifying and enjoying God, which is the most powerful motive for seeking an education. Read below some testimonies of leaders in Public Education, on the value of Christian colleges in the field of education.

We place a high value upon the services of denominational colleges, and we extend to them every possible encouragement.—T. E. Johnson, Supt. of Public Education, of Michigan.

We consider the small church school a factor in the highest type of education whose value cannot be estimated.—F. G. Blair, Supt. of Public Education, Illinois.

In a period when there has been so much laxity and reaction from the War, I believe that the work of the Christian colleges is especially important. Not that there is no attention paid to the development of Christian character in the secular schools through certain organizations

and even by the influence in a general way of many of these colleges themselves, but there is a more definitely vital Christian atmosphere that is helpful in the church supported school. It is unfortunate that so many of them are limited in resources so that many young people that would otherwise be sent to them are sent to secular colleges because of the line of training desired.—W. J. Hunting, Supt. Public Instruction, Nevada.

Twenty per cent of our faculty received their training in church supported schools. My own undergraduate work was done in Hampden-Sidney. I am strongly of the opinion that the influence of church schools on education in general has been of very great value and importance. As a matter of fact, it would be hard to overestimate it.—George H. Denny, Pres. University of Alabama.

I received my undergraduate training from George Peabody College. Probably two-thirds of the members of our faculty were educated at Christian colleges. These institutions have had tremendous influence upon the moral and religious life of institutions under state auspices, and have contributed fine, moral influences in all departments of public education.—A. A. Murphree, Late Pres. University of Florida.

I feel that some church schools, especially the better equipped and supported ones are making a splendid contribution to education, morality and religion. They have rendered a notable service and will continue to do so. I would deeply regret if in America we all thought the same in politics, in religion, or in education. Diversity with respect and good will towards each other on the part of many groups is, I think, essential to the welfare of America.—S. Avery, Pres. University of Nebraska.

I received my college and university training from Vanderbilt University. Twenty per cent of the total number of our faculty received their baccalaureate degrees from church schools. I think that the colleges of the various churches have, in past years, exercised a very great influence upon education in a good way. As to the future, I would say that it is highly important that this work be continued and it is of the utmost importance that the church schools be true to their trust and stand for the principles for which they are founded.—Alfred Hume, Pres. University of Mississippi.

If these statements be true, and who can gainsay them, then he who encourages and aids such institutions serves his day and generation in a worthy way.

Housetop and Inner Chamber

Evangelist A. D. Muse writes that 200 professed faith in a three weeks meeting at Teague, Texas.

The straits near Constantinople were frozen over last week, the first time, it is said, in 25 years.

Mrs. Katherine Fenton, Jamestown, N. Y. aged 104, went up in an airship last week and came down safely.

Mrs. J. H. Newton, near Columbus, suffered severe injury by a fall and is in the hospital at Electric Mills.

First Church, Atlanta, sold their down town site and house recently for \$325,000 and will build out on Peachtree Street.

It is said there are 25,000 Mexican children in the public schools of Los Angeles, Cal. Another evangelistic opportunity.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer says that in fifty years the contributions to foreign missions in America have grown from \$1,800,000 to \$40,000,000.

There are said to be between fourteen and fifteen million people in the South over ten years of age who are not church members. Surely there is yet much territory still to be taken.

It used to be said by Episcopalians that one of their preachers might preach heresy, but he couldn't pray heresy. But in England today they are not so sure. Why all this excitement about changes in the book of prayer?

Before the days of national prohibition there were 300 institutions for Keely Cure of inebriates. Now there are only 20 and these are not exclusively for alcoholics. Does prohibition prohibit? Well, something has happened.

It is doubtful if opposition to Gov. Smith as a presidential candidate on religious grounds will gain any votes against him, but the opposite will happen. Opposition to him on the grounds of his liquor views will enroll all who love law more than liquor.

The National Pan Hellenic Congress of College Sororities, which being interpreted means representatives of college girls secret societies, passed resolutions in their meeting in Boston recently condemning smoking by girls either on the campus or in their chapter houses.

And now Paris turns over a new leaf. Divorce was refused Bainbridge Colby, a former U. S. Secretary of State, by a Paris court, although he had a former president of France as his lawyer. The French seem to be getting tired of untying American marital knots.

Some people will wonder why seats in the Senate of the United States were denied Smith from Illinois and Vare of Pennsylvania on account of a slush fund, when one man, Sinclair, is shown to have contributed \$260,000 to elect the president of the United States in 1920. Why not let the investigation include all concerned?

We respectfully suggest to the administration in Washington that if soldiers or marines have to be sent to Nicaragua to look after the American dollars that have been invested there that a special company or corps be drafted of the people who have put their dollars there. There was once a war in this country which produced the criticism of a "rich man's war and a poor man's fight."

Dr. E. L. Fisk said at the meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association:

"Thirty-seven years have been added to the

average lifetime in the past 400 years. Thirteen in the past 30 years, seven since 1910. There is no known limit to the average lifetime man may acquire by scientific nurture and care of his tissues."

A writer in the Christian Advocate doubts if more than thirty-five or forty per cent of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church attend church services with any degree of regularity. We confess with a sad heart that it is even so with the Baptists. Waiving all questions of sickness, employment and the like aside, it is not a fact that a majority of our people pay little or no attention to the services of the church?—Watchman Examiner.

The Florida Baptist Witness recently had on front page a group picture of the B. Y. P. U. of Dundee, Florida, three times banner winners. Brother T. E. Waldrup, formerly of Laurel, is pastor. The S. S. and B. Y. P. U. are both standard and the W. M. S. soon will be. The Brotherhood is doing good work. Brother Waldrup has done fine work in Florida. Hasn't he about "served his time" in exile and could he not be induced to come home?

Pastor Davis of Beulah Church, Hinds County, reports his church as having over subscribed its quota to the denominational budget. Pastor Story of Learned has succeeded in waking up the saints at Learned and they come in with a good subscription to the program. Also his other church, New Salem in Franklin County, over subscribed its quota. These young men are ministerial students in Mississippi College and doing good work as pastors. There are others too.

Dr. L. O. Leavell writes: "Dr. F. B. Pearson of Liberty, Missouri is planning to conduct a summer trip to Palestine. He is a Professor in William Jewell College, a graduate of The Sou. Bapt. Theo Seminary with TH.D degree. He went as our first Missionary to Jerusalem some five years ago. Because of failure of Mrs. Pearson's health he was forced to return. His experience there as a Missionary and student qualifies him admirably to conduct a party over that land. Anyone interested in this trip may write him at the above address.

The action of Congress, in bestowing a service medal on Col. Forbes for distinguished service after he had been convicted of fraud in connection with the Veteran's Bureau, is like the story which Victor Hugo tells dramatically of a sailor being awarded the cross of honor for lassoing a big gun which had gotten loose on ship board and fastening it in place after it had endangered the lives of all on deck, and then the sailor was courtmartialled and shot for allowing the gun to get loose.

One thing worth a preacher's thinking about, How many organizations outside of his church can he belong to without denaturing his ministry, exhausting his time and nervous energy and preventing the maintenance and growth of his own spiritual life? We have come upon a time when pastors have got to face the matter as to the effect of affiliation with other things than his church. If you turn on the hot water in your lavatory and then turn on the cold water, the hot water is sure to slow up. Does a preacher not owe all that he has to the church as Christ's instrument of service? And what about a layman?

Here is from The Baptist, one of the saddest comments on present day government we have ever seen. And it is too near the truth. It was provoked by the corrupt election of Smith to the U. S. Senate, from Illinois.

Broadly, government in the United States is bought, paid for and delivered to the buyer. Capital rules. The average American does not believe that it is possible to run government in any other way."

Dr. R. L. Motley of Florence, Alabama writes highly commending Rev. J. D. Thompson of Sheffield, who comes to the pastorate at Booneville. He says:

"No finer spirit lives than Bro. Thompson. He is, also, a strong preacher and one of the best pastors to be found any place. He has accomplished an exceptionally fine work at Sheffield during the three years, or more, that he has been pastor. He is an all-round denominational man, and you Mississippi brethren can safely trust him upon every inch of the ground."

The First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., on February the fifth, celebrated the ninth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. James Randolph Hobbs. This was an occasion of praise and thanksgiving to God because of his blessings upon the church through the ministry of Dr. Hobbs, among which might be mentioned 3,405 additions to the church, an average attendance of approximately 1,100 at Sunday School, more than \$450,000 contributed through the church treasury during the nine years, installation of a \$20,000 organ, completion of a beautiful seven story modern, fireproof educational building, the purchase of other valuable property for future expansion, and a great spirit of unity, earnestness and evangelism. Dr. Hobbs is a great gospel preacher and he and the First Baptist Church have given a great testimony for Christ and have been, under God, a great power not only in Birmingham but throughout Alabama and the South. Besides his work in connection with his pastorate, Dr. Hobbs has served on many denominational boards and committees and as moderator of the Birmingham Baptist Association, president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.—Roy Chandler.

Dr. S. L. Morris.

When brother Morris passed away recently in Jackson, we lost one of our most capable men. He would easily have been picked in any congregation as a man of exceptional strength. The Lord endowed him with large physical vitality and a commanding presence. Marks of unusual intelligence and culture were easily seen by one who met him even casually. And a longer acquaintance with him did not disappoint you.

He was born in Rankin County, Mississippi, a part of the State which has given to the world more than its quota of great men. His family connections stimulated a worthy ambition and gave him access to excellent opportunities. Early in life his people moved to Louisiana and he developed the versatility and self-reliance of the pioneer spirits. Educated at Mississippi College, he was among the many adventurous spirits who made their home in Texas. Here his ability was recognized in the pastorate, in denominational work and in the field of publications.

His marriage to the daughter of Dr. R. B. Burleson furnished him a worthy companion, help-meet and inspiration. She was always his co-worker in every worthy undertaking, and still lives to extend her helpful influence in other lives. Brother Morris was a student as long as he lived. He had a good library and made good use of it. He knew the value of the printed page and sought wisely to extend his usefulness in the field of publications. His preaching was characterized by strength and clearness. The workmen pass on to other tasks, but their service in the Kingdom of God abides. May the God whom he trusted and served perpetuate all his influence for good and graciously direct those whom he loved.



Editorial



TO OUR NEW READERS

There are nearly 5,000 people now taking The Baptist Record who were not taking it three months ago. That means a possible 15,000 new readers, if three in each home read the paper. The editor earnestly desires a personal word with you. This is his opportunity for ministering. Daily you are on his heart and the object of his earnest prayer to God. We want to make the paper helpful to you, to your Christian life, to increase your usefulness.

There are just two ways open to us in this matter. They are to make the Word of God more attractive and meaningful to you, and to make the work of God more interesting and appealing to you. Light on the Word is coming to us from many and if The Baptist Record can reflect more of its beauty on your path we shall be grateful.

The Baptist Record specializes in publishing the facts about God's work and his workers. Will you earnestly try to familiarize yourself with the work for the sake of the kingdom? Make up your mind that you will be a part of the working force, a fellow helper to the truth. It is the editor's earnest desire that the Christian life of every Record reader may be enriched. This cannot be if we are not helpers in the work of Christ, the work of saving a lost world and ministering to its sore needs. Your church and your denomination have a program. Your church may or may not have a budget. But you may be and should be a regular contributor to all the mission work of the denomination. Get into this business; get in right away, and stay with it to the finish. Pray "Thy kingdom come", and help to bring it in.

A FALSE ISSUE

Readers of The Record have doubtless kept up with the discussion in the daily papers and the news items in regard to the Bill passed by the lower house to legalize prize fighting. If they have watched closely they have doubtless seen that the bill was passed absolutely on a false issue.

It was a false issue in that it was always spoken of by its advocates as a boxing bill or athletic bill. Everybody knows that there is no law in Mississippi simply against boxing and none is proposed. Boxing is common in schools and clubs and social or athletic groups. It is simply pulling the wool over one's eyes to call it a boxing bill. It proposes to repeal the laws now on the statute books against prize fighting, and open the way to professional and commercialized prize fighting such as the Dempsey-Tunney fight.

It is a false issue when it is said that the bill will promote wholesome athletics, for probably not one of the people behind it or anybody advocating it ever expects to be physically developed by it, or that anybody else ever will be. It is a demoralizing measure to capitalize the athletic idea and commercialize the gambling instinct. Nobody believes that it will make better men physically or any other way. That is not what it is for.

Again it is a false issue to say that we owe it to the boys who fought for their country in France to pass the bill. It has been repeatedly said that when the boys went over we told them that when they came back we would give them anything they asked for. Of course there is not a word of truth in this and any man who thinks at all knows it is not true. To make such a promise would be the height of folly and nobody ever thought of making it. And the boys who went across never went under any such illusion or for any such motive. To say that they did is to discount their patriotism. They went because

of a high and patriotic motive, to give themselves for their country and for a righteous cause. They were not inspired by bribes and selfishness.

Again it is a false issue to say that we owe it to the American Legion. It has never been shown that the American Legion as such has sponsored it. In the first place the American Legion represents a minority of the men who did the fighting. Most of them are not in the American Legion. And many in the American Legion do not favor this bill. It is a case of a minority group getting together and claiming to represent all concerned. That is what happened in Russia when a group of men got control of the government and claimed to represent the common people.

And if the whole American Army, in the Legion and out of it, should favor the bill, it ought not to be passed simply on that ground. When any group of people advocate a measure it should be given respectful consideration on that ground. But the only ground on which a bill should become a law, or should be advocated, is that it is right. If it makes for righteousness, pass it. If not, defeat it. We have yet to hear anybody advocate it on the ground that it will make for righteousness.

Pastor L. Williams announces that Dr. W. T. Lowrey will preach at Pearce's Creek Church Sunday the 18th. There will be "dinner on the ground".

Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis will assist Pastor J. D. Franks in a meeting at First Church, Columbus, beginning March 25. Remember them in prayer.

Pastor Hardy says the Anguilla Church had The Record in the budget last year, found it a blessing to the church and there was no dissenting vote in keeping it in this year.

Mr. J. M. Moore has been elected Business Manager of The Baptist Standard of Texas. He has charge of the mechanical make up, the advertising and the subscription business.

The Alabama Baptist says that because of failure to fight the bill to legalize prize fighting in that state, Alabama is having the despicable prize fights in their towns and cities. Write to your state senator in Jackson.

Judge J. L. Buckley of Enterprise, now a member of the state legislature, was married last week at Gulfport to Mrs. Tistole of Meridian. Our best wishes to this good friend and his beloved companion.

See the conquering heroes come! The basketball team of Mississippi College returned this week the champions in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and were given a great ovation on their arrival in Clinton.

The Christian Index says the reason Dr. Len G. Broughton could hold people listening for nearly two hours standing in the vestibule while the church was crowded, is that he believes the Lord has spoken to him. He believes therefore he speaks.

Dr. W. N. Johnson tells of a bank clerk who started an account in the bank for a depositor who kept one as a "tithing account". This was something new in his bank and so he entered it as a "teething account", thinking the customer didn't know how to spell it.

Seventh Day Adventists grew in the past ten years from 79,355 to 110,998. Their contributions to all causes in 1926 were \$6,993,288, that is about \$63 per member. These people deserve all praise for their generosity and their aggressive missionary spirit. They are all said to tithe. They have only 568 members in Mississippi.

Of 2,960 students enrolled last September in the University of Wisconsin about three-fifths will be dropped for failure to reach the proper grades in class.

Mrs. M. A. Cole, of Houlka, has been unable to attend the church services for some months and writes to say what a joy and blessing The Record is to her in the home. There are many such, and may our Father comfort them and give them great power to bless others through the ministry of prayer.

Dr. Ray Palmer has supplied the pulpit of the Maryland Ave. Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., for the past six weeks. From the first service, the congregations and the interest grew. New life and hope now fill the hearts of the members of this church—a church that has passed through deep waters.

A telegram from Dr. T. B. Ray of Richmond on Monday says, "Dr. Love's condition continues about as for two weeks". Will all our people remember him in prayer, that if it is God's will he may be returned to the work. His predecessor, Dr. R. J. Willingham, went down under the great burden of this heart-breaking, soul-crushing task.

So far as we have seen, all our state papers express satisfaction in and approval of the action of the Efficiency Committee's taking out of their report all reference to the Bible Institute. The Baptist and Reflector calls attention to the fact that the denominational paper is the people's forum for discussion of such questions. They help to preserve the spirit of democracy.

All the churches of Corinth have agreed to hold simultaneous evangelistic meetings from March 25 to April 8. In each church the pastor is to do the preaching, and the choir of each church will lead in the singing. Community prayer meetings for women and a business men's noon-day prayer meeting will be special features for the first week, and preaching in the evening in the churches. In the second week there will be preaching in the morning and evening in all the churches. All literary societies, clubs of every kind, fraternal orders and school authorities have been requested to suspend all meetings, contests and entertainments for these two weeks and to cooperate in the meetings. Without exception, they have agreed to do so.

The Living Church, Episcopal, has a lengthy editorial on the Baltimore Conference to promote Christian Unity, specially disapproving the so-called celebration of the Lord's supper at which it was advertised that Presbyterian, Disciple, Lutheran, Baptist and Episcopal clergymen would participate. The Episcopal clergyman backed out on the ground that the bishop and rector in that particular territory did not approve it. The Living Church says that for any clergyman of the Episcopal Church to take part would be to place himself in the position of repudiating the customary Anglican position and defying Anglican discipline. It continues, "throughout all Christendom this phase of the Anglican position is perfectly well understood and most people in other religious bodies are good enough to refrain from placing an Anglican priest in a position where he must either defy the well known position of his own church or seem ungracious by refusing a request to do so." It is insisted that Episcopalians should not be expected to participate in conferences in which their own position will be treated with contempt. The Living Church thinks such efforts to compromise Episcopalians is contemptible and promotes bad feeling and misunderstanding rather than unity. With much of this Baptists find themselves in sympathy. Most union efforts only accentuate differences. When we have one Lord, one faith and one baptism, we won't bother much about organic unity.

FORTY YEARS IN CHINA

It is not often that we have the privilege of observing fortieth anniversaries anywhere, much less on the mission field. But, on the tenth day of January, when a large number of our missionaries were gathered together in Canton, we were asked to tarry a few minutes. While some of our number were dressed up a bit better than usual, we could not think of a wedding taking place. So we wondered.

Presently a small table was placed in the center of the room and then came the cake, a large one, four-square, so typical of the one in whose honor it was made. But on the four sides were the rows of candles. Could it be that somebody's age was going to be divulged? Then the inscription was read: "1888 to 1928". How many were guilty of being forty years old? The figures marked only the years of service of Mrs. Janie L. Graves in China. It had been forty years that day, the tenth of January, since she arrived in China. Up to this time the little lady with the white hair and the queenly face had perhaps been as curious as anyone. "Oh", she said, "you haven't enough candles, if that applies to me". She is now more than seventy. Then the voice of Brother King rang clear above the merry making: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace".

The candles were lighted, and it was a brilliant array, like the light that has gone out from Mrs. Graves to those about her in China. But, with the spryness (she is one of the most active among us) of a sixteen year old Mrs. Graves proceeded to blow out the candles, each row, ten at a time. After the four "blows" only three or four single candles were left burning, and then some of the children blew them out.

"Oh, Mrs. Graves", asked Brother Lake, "do you regret any of those years?" The answer came without hesitation: "If each of those candles were multiplied by ten, I would not regret one of the years which they represent".

Certainly it is not necessary to tell those who may read this who Mrs. Graves is. She is known and loved all over the South as one of our greatest missionaries. Her life speaks for itself.

Mrs. Graves gave many years of service among the Chinese of California before she came out to China. More than thirty years she spent in putting her life into the girls and young women who have gone out from Pooi To Academy, the great central school for girls in Canton. This great institution, as it is today, is a monument to the life and work of Mrs. Graves. Always a faithful worker in the First Baptist Church, more generally known as the Graves Memorial (in honor of Dr. Graves), she is still active in that service. And last, but not least, there are hundreds of blind girls about this city and in the province who are grateful to Mrs. Graves not only for their training and help in the Mo Kwong School for the Blind, but their eyes have been opened spiritually by their introduction to Him through Mrs. Graves. This school has been made possible, as many well know, by the generosity of former students of Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. Graves has weathered many storms in war-torn China, but she goes about her work day by day without the least of worry so far as her co-workers can observe. And now we only wish that Mrs. Graves may be spared to see her golden anniversary in China ten years hence. Also we pray again for her the blessings of the words which were read from the Scriptures as we gathered about her "fortieth birthday" cake:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

—A. R. Gallimore.

Canton, China, January, 1928.

Convention Board Department

R. B. Gunter, Corresponding Secretary

PRAYER FOR MARCH 11th AND MARCH 15th

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its January meeting recommended that on March 11th every pastor should preach a sermon on the cooperative program. This sermon should set forth in a brief way the immediate needs of the various divisions of our work.

On Thursday, March 15th, a general meeting is called for in every association. This will have to be arranged by the associational organizations. It is also urged that this day be a day of fasting and prayer. We wish that every pastor of every church would lead his people during this day in a season of prayer for the success of the work. It is doubtful whether, with all that has been said concerning our days of prayer and fasting, a real test has been made. We wish that for one time our people would give themselves to prayer and fasting. If we will do that this year on the 15th of March in every church with every pastor leading or designating someone to lead, we are confident the results will justify the experience.

THE CANVASS

Thus far eleven associations have reported as having reached the full quota. They are as follows:

Copiah	Newton
Carroll	Greene
Grenada	Riverside
Itawamba	Wayne
Lauderdale	Yalobusha
Madison	

Hepzibah Church, Jeff Davis County, will give \$600.00 to the cooperative program and six people will plant one-half acre each in cotton, giving the proceeds to the Lord's work. The cotton planting is due to the offer made by a family in Prentiss who furnished the fertilizer free of charge.

WILL WE LOSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

An editor of one of our daily papers said recently to the writer that the stand which was being taken by many of the preachers of our State against the Boxing Bill is a great mistake. He said that we would drive our young people from our churches. He went on to say, however, that they were already gone. Answer was then made that this stand then was not the cause. As a matter of fact, in the humble opinion of this writer, if we would take a stand against more of the worldly amusements, we would have a better grip upon not only the young people, but upon the old people as well. One pastor who has preached two Sundays against this Boxing Bill received on last Sunday eight additions to his Church and his house was packed with people. In fact, some went from a church where the preacher was preaching for the Boxing Bill to the church of the man who was fighting it vigorously and even signed a petition along with the church, which petition was against the Bill. This fight against this Bill is a fight between the spiritual and the carnal. It is nothing short of it. But the person who is destitute of the spiritual nature will not understand the meaning of this statement. If a little athletics was the only desire of the proponents of the Bill, then there would be no effort to repeal the law against prize-fighting. The passage of the Bill means opening the State to the prize-fighting

rings who are now planning their program for the year in those states which have no law against prize-fighting.

DATES OF STATE EVANGELISTS

Rev. Bryan Simmons.

Noxapater	March 11 to 18th
Delta City	March 18th
Pt Gibson, Claiborne Co.	April 8th or 15th
Enterprise	May 20th
Burnside	June 6th
Cruger	June 26 to July 6th
Coffeerville	July 8th
Louin, Jasper Co.	July 29th
Alcorn Co. (4 churches cooperating)	August 12th
Pleasant Hill (near Columbus)	August 19th

Rev. W. W. Kyzar.

Goss	Mar. 18 through 25th
Paducah, Ky.	First two weeks in May
Ovett	May 20th to June 3rd
Wanilla	June 10 to June 24
Eden	June 29 to July 8
Lucien, Franklin Co.	July 13 to July 22nd
Slayden	August 12th to 26th
Bowmar Ave. Vicksburg	Sept. 2 through 16th
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis	Sept. 23rd to 30th
Scotland, V. E. Boston	Nov. 4 through 11th

Rev. D. W. Smith.

Handsboro	March 1st
Wahalak	March 25th
Parkway ch, Jackson	April 22nd
Calhoun City	June 10th
Greenville Community	June 29th
Ripley	July 15th
Montrose	August 5th
Macedonia, DeSoto Co.	August 19th

MINUTES LACKING BY THE STATE CONVENTION BOARD OFFICE

Chickasaw	Noxubee
Coldwater	Prentiss
Columbus	Webster
Jasper	Yazoo
Madison	Zion
Mt. Pisgah	

Brother J. E. Byrd, with one of his elementary workers will be with the churches at Wiggins and Perkinson for a Sunday School training course, beginning on Sunday, March 11th, and running through the following week.

Eight of the forty-eight states of the Union have abolished capital punishment for murder. Nineteen use hanging and nineteen electrocution. Nevada uses lethal gas. Utah gives the condemned men the choice of shooting or hanging. —Ex.

The trustees of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., have decided to discontinue the theological seminary conducted in connection with the school, but will continue the pre-theological course usually conducted in Baptist colleges. They are of the opinion that the program of the past few years is too ambitious for their income. Every department will be required to live within its budget allotment, athletics having accumulated a considerable deficit. The law department will be continued and effort made to raise money for building and endowment for this department. The new president, Dr. Spight Dowell, has made himself felt in the new policies adopted.

MEDITATIONS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

(Installment No. 5)

By J. L. Boyd.
A DAY WITH JESUS

MARK 1:21:—"And they go into Capernaum" . . . Note the "they." Jesus is no more to be alone, but as He goes about doing good from this on to the end of His ministry, he is to have a following. These faithful few and others are going with Him to the end. "And straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught." Here is one of Mark's "straight ways." Jesus is an example for those Christians, and church members of today—especially Baptists—who when they move into another town or community just to wait, and "set" back, and expect somebody, more particularly the pastor, to come around and invite, and "urge" them to come to Sunday school and church services next Sunday. The very next sabbath Jesus went around to the synagogue, as He considered it His opportunity. There He knew the crowds would be on the sabbath day. Besides, the synagogue had a special attraction for Him. He might have the privilege of preaching and teaching; and so he did. And when He got through, "They were astonished at His teachings"; completely knocked out, or "frightened out of their senses." He did it so differently from what they had been used to. It was shocking to the older heads, and amazing to the younger set who paid any attention to Him. To say the least, it was upsetting to the humdrum of their past experience. It was so different! But, Beloved, Jesus was different; and if we would allow Him more into our stale programs and lifeless forms, He would upset some of them and us, too, to the profit of both.

"And straightway there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit." This demon-possessed man doubtless didn't "belong." He was a visitor, and an intruder. It was another case of the devil coming to church. This poor demon-possessed man got in somehow, and coming in contact with Jesus Christ, and, given an opportunity, he "straightway" cried out! The cry was a cry of anguish and of fear; the cowering plaint of subjugated spirits who realized that they were at their row's end. When Jesus enters, speaking with authority, the devils tremble and submissively bow themselves out; with a protest, however. What was their cry here? "What to you and us?" Or "What is there in common between us?" Yes, these demons had been having the time of their lives within this poor fellow, but now that He had arrived whose right it was to command, they put up a howl and make ready to depart. The man, doubtless, was coming to see that a change in his case would be better, as he listened to the message of glad tidings from this Teacher who "taught with authority." And the demons realized that if Jesus was to be allowed to come in, they would have to get out. They recognized Him, and knew His power. And quicker than it takes to tell it, Jesus had rebuked them (or him), saying:—"Shut up, and come out of him!" Jesus told this unclean spirit to "muzzle himself," and quit talking so much. The Lord of heaven and earth, the Master of men and demons didn't need so much publicity just at this time. So, with the wave of His hand He brushed them aside, and the man stood before the amazed crowd whole as he was before the demons took possession of him. This was enough to take the breath of the most reserved of the multitude. Something new under the sun had happened right here under their very eyes! And their minds were full of question marks, which they passed freely around among themselves. "What is this?" What could they say of it? What could do about it? Well, there is one thing they could do. They could tell it! And they did! "And the report of Him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Galilee round about." Notice Mark says

straightway and everywhere, and "into all the region, and round about. Language beggars description, and is unable to depict what took place, and how quickly. The report or fame of Jesus so completely covered that country that it was like floods of water covering the low lands, permeating every nook, and corner, and crevice, and crack, and opening to its utmost reaches and to the height of the water level. Perhaps, what Mark means to say is, that every ear of every person in every place of that whole section of country heard what happened this day in the synagogue.

Leaving the synagogue, straightway they all went home with Peter for dinner. Now, we are wondering if Peter told them that he had sick-folks at his house. If he did, they went on, anyhow. That is no excuse. But maybe that was the only invitation extended them that day. And perhaps Peter didn't mean it when he asked them. They would just have to make the best of a bad situation. Anon Jesus was told of their plight, and he relieves all of the embarrassment by "commanding the fever" and it obeys Him, leaving the home. The beauty of it all is to see Peter's wife's mother preparing the meal for these hungry preachers, and Jesus.

The closing scene of the Sabbath day must have been an impressive sight as "all the city was gathered together at the door," some through curiosity just to get sight of this wonderful healer; but most of them with some sick one, or deceased friend or demon-possessed loved one seeking the healing touch of this Great Physician. He got around so far as He could, but He had a terrible time keeping the demons quiet who sought to tell the multitude who He was. That was a secret He did not want to get out just yet. The people were not ready for it. The knowledge of Him must come gradually, and first to the Twelve. The throngs were dismissed, going away happy, so far as they had been able to receive the healing touch of this One who had come to heal humanity's hurt. And the tired and weary Physician, together with his little company, retired for a much needed rest. And the morning and evening was the second day of the public ministry of Jesus, according to Mark.

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN THE SYNAGOGUE

By Jacob Gartenhaus.

Dr. Isaac Landham, rabbi of Temple Israel of Far Rockaway and editor of the American Hebrew, has introduced a course in the New Testament in the curriculum of the Adult school of his Temple; this has provided a storm of criticism in the Orthodox press. The Jewish Daily News writing of the "conversion class" says: "The Reformers have finally thrown off the mask and shown who they really are, and what their goal is; conversion, acceptance of Christianity." In explanation of his action, Dr. Landman says in the American Hebrew:

"The time has come when the New Testament should no longer be a closed book to the Jews. Not so long ago the name of Jesus and the Christian holy book were anathema among our people. The Jews will never be able to understand their Christian fellows until they know what there is in the New Testament which creates a wall of misunderstanding between them.

"We shall study Christian Scripture from the modern, scientific point of view as we have done our own. We shall ascertain which ideals and precepts in its pages are Jewish and which pagan; which are in their nature temporal and which enduring. We shall attempt to analyze and understand the point of cleavage between Judaism and Christianity, as these are presented in the two Testaments.

"There is a blank page between these Scriptures which can best be filled in by Jewish scholars. It is amazing that Jews have permitted Christian scholarship only, to write and in-

terpret this fascinating period of human history to which we have contributed so fundamentally. We inaugurate this course under the aegis of the synagogue with the hope that other Jewish congregations will follow.

"Religion today is undergoing changes far more radical in the spiritual evolution of mankind than were those in the days of Jesus and Paul. We ought to evaluate what there is in the Books of Religion of both Judaism and Christianity; what elements in them may contribute toward the development of a universal religion."

Had such words been written half a century ago, the writer would have been ostracized by Jewish leaders; he might even have suffered physical torture at the hands of a mob. Study the N. T.—ridiculous! Why the New Testament was an abandoned evil not to be possessed, touched, let alone study!

It will be noted that Rabbi Landman proposes to conduct a study of the New Testament from the historic and scientific point of view, and with the purpose of having his people analyze and understand the point of cleavage between Judaism and Christianity. It is his desire also, to have Jewish scholars share with Christian scholars in filling up the gap between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The point for us to emphasize and to rejoice in is the fact that he is a leading Jewish Rabbi who openly espouses and formally inaugurates a study of the New Testament and that under his leadership his people are to engage in this study. While the motive of the study is not to find Jesus as the Messiah, in a word, not the Christian motive, it is nevertheless a serious and worthy motive and we cannot but believe that it will please the Savior to reveal Himself to those engaged in such study.

The writer hopes and believes that the example set by Rabbi Landman and his people will be followed by many others, and that a study of the New Testament may become general among the Jews. If so, the Lord will gather Himself a large and fruitful harvest from among the sons and daughters of Israel.

A marvelous change is being wrought in Jewry. Jesus is no more the traitor or rascal; He has been honorably recognized by leading rabbis; the hated Nazarene is passing; in His place is the brilliant teacher. Prejudice is gradually disappearing until in the present day, not only are Jewish leaders willing to look favorably upon Him, but they are actually studying His life as found in the New Testament. The spiritual hunger of the Jew is causing him to walk forbidden paths in search of truth and step by step he is finding it.

What an appeal to all lovers of Israel to put forth their most earnest efforts to touch the empty Jewish heart! What a call for prayer that God, in his infinite mercy will bring Israel into the glorious presence of her once rejected Messiah!

THE COMING REVIVAL

Ps. 85; Hab. 3:2

There are revivals in nature, in education, in literature, in politics, in civics, and why not in Religion? I believe that every church ought to be in a constant state of revival. There are seasons at which time we may well give more time and attention to this phase of Kingdom work, however. To have a "good meeting" is better than "great men"; converts better than mere crowds; drawing is better than dazzling; results better than reports; to be saved better than to be socialized; regeneration better than education; repentance far better than penance.

- I. What Is a Revival? The little girl in the Bible School was not far wrong when she said, "A revival is to give more life". To revive means to bring back to life, to activity. Is there any thing more desirable than that in our individual lives and in our churches? Christ said,

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"I came that ye might have life and have it abundantly". Not merely spasmodic, emotional, followed by reaction and death. Not merely hypnotized or mesmerized but truly Spiritualized, and that means vitalized. As in Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive.

II. Do We Need a Revival?

As flowers cannot conceal death so words cannot hide sin. Let each one examine his own heart. Has it reached the highest point of perfection? Is it not only good, but good for something? Does it rejoice in the welfare of others, especially in their salvation and Christian development? Are you doing your best to "please Him who enrolled you as a soldier"? Are you as individuals and as churches filling the largest place possible for the glory of God? Have you reached the "top notch"? If you have not then you need a revival.

III. Can We Have a Revival? It may be necessary to get rid of an Annanias, a Saphira, a Simon Magus, or some others, but in so doing you may gain a Barnabas or a Paul. If we are willing to get rid of the "dead timber", to do some proper pruning, remove the difficulties, "clear the deck for action". We usually do "What we WANT to". It may be necessary to go through our Gethsemane or some other anguish, but we can have it if we meet the conditions. It takes living souls to touch living needs.

IV. Shall We Have Revivals? In 2 Chron. 7:14 we find a fine Old Testament idea which is very appropriate. Read that and comply with its teaching. See the passages referred to at the beginning, and comply. Now turn to the Acts, chapters one and two and you will find that there are four things there. 1. Bible study. "It must needs be that the Scriptures be fulfilled". 2. Right living. "Devout men—". 3. Prayer—men and women. 4. Preaching. When men meet their part of the condition God will meet His.

Who or what is in your way? Let each one do our part.

Outline used before meetings: Catchings, March 18; Anguilla, April 8.

Fraternally,

Wm. E. Hardy, Anguilla.

A UNIQUE MEETING

Eldridge B. Hatcher

I know nothing else just like it. I mean the Bible Institute which is held every year at the Baptist Church in Ecu, Mississippi. For many years the church at Ecu has given the pastors in North Mississippi an annual invitation to spend three days with them and discuss some portion of the Bible. At each meeting a committee is appointed to prepare a program for the next year's meeting. This committee selects the portion of scripture which is to be expounded and discussed, and also selects the speakers and assigns them their portion.

The meeting for 1928 has been held recently and for three days the sacred, exegetical storm raged, with the people of the town almost filling the auditorium three times a day. Brother R. A. Cooper was chosen as moderator and then the expository artilleries were opened. The book of Acts was the book chosen for consideration. One pastor was given 20 minutes for "explaining" his particular portion of the chapter, and another brother followed him as a target for any question about the passage which Brother Charles Nelson might propound, and the propounding was not allowed to grow slack or neglected.

Ten were present about twenty-five ministers—possibly more—all of whom came upon the platform for their part of the schedule. At times the air would become thick with questions and arguments and suggestions, but in and through it all the sunlight of fraternity and a kindly spirit.

The Ecu people won our gratitude by their

SHOULD PARENTS GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A NICKEL OR A DIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY?

Our children will do tomorrow what we teach them today. If, on each Lord's day, we teach our children to give a penny or a nickel or a dime to Sunday School, then, when they get to be big boys and girls, they will very likely continue giving a penny or a nickel or a dime. After they become full-grown men and women most of them will give annually at the rate of not more than a penny or a nickel or a dime each Lord's day to the support of Kingdom work.

What Are We Going to Do About It?

The writer does not know what we are going to do about it, but he knows what we should do. We should teach our children to bring their whole tithe to the Lord's house each Lord's day and present it to the Lord through the treasury of His Church.

If parents would teach their children to tithe every Lord's day then when they get to be big boys and girls they will continue tithing. After they become full-grown men and women and enter business for themselves most of them will continue giving a tenth of their income.

How Can a Little Child Tithe?

"How can my little child tithe", some will say, "he hasn't an income". Yes, your child has an income, and should tithe and would tithe if his parents would teach him to do so. Don't your child buy cakes or candy or ice cream or something else occasionally? Why not teach him to tithe that money before spending it all on himself? Hasn't your child a bank of some sort and doesn't somebody slip money into it occasionally? Why not teach the child to tithe the money that is given to him? If you really want your child to tithe why don't you make it possible for him to have an income each week? Instead of giving him a penny each Sunday for Sunday School or church, if he is too small to work, why not give him a nickel or a dime and teach him to tithe it? Then instead of carrying a penny to Sunday School he will carry his tithe. If he or she is big enough to work, help them to secure employment and teach them to tithe their earnings.

That's Too Much Trouble

Yes, it will require a good deal of time and the parents will be put to quite a bit of trouble if they "bring up the child in the way he should go" but a true father and mother should be willing to deny themselves anything and to suffer, if necessary, in order to give their child the right kind of start in life. They should not look upon such training as being "too much trouble."

What If?

What if we should allow our young people to do as they please socially and morally until they are eighteen or twenty years of age and then try to correct their moral life? It is doubtful whether many of them could be developed into strong and sturdy characters if we allow them to go untaught and untrained during the formative

very cordial bountiful hospitality, and by the patient, encouraging attention given to the proceedings. As to how deeply and rapidly they are becoming versed in Bible lore by these annual proceedings I will not attempt to say, but I do declare that it is an interesting, unique, and cheering sight which they present—that of a church dropping other tasks and coming together three times daily for three days that they may hear the Bible explained and discussed.

Budget Department

By G. C. Hodge, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

period of life. We are therefore to teach the child and to restrain the child from its earliest days and God Himself has said, "If you train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

What If?

What if we should allow our young people to do as they please with their possessions until they are eighteen or twenty years of age and then try to teach them to tithe or to help support the church? It will be an exceedingly difficult task to develop them into liberal and cheerful givers if we allow them to grow into manhood and womanhood before teaching them to observe at least the first principle of stewardship. We should therefore teach and train the child to tithe, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Let us no longer teach the children to give a penny or a nickel or a dime each Sunday, but, let us teach him to tithe. His tithe may not amount to more than a penny each Sunday now, but, after awhile it may amount to hundreds of dollars, who knows?

It Will Be a Blessing to the Child

If you will teach your child to bring his tithe to the Lord's House each Lord's day and present it to the Lord through His church, it will have a wonderful effect on the life of the child and will be a great blessing to him.

1. It will teach him to respect and reverence the church. If you teach your child to give to the Sunday School and deny him the privilege of giving to the church the chances are he will, as he grows up, be interested in the Sunday School but will not want to remain for the preaching services because he will think more highly of the Sunday School than of the church. If on the other hand you teach your child to give his tithe to the Lord through the church, he will, very likely, be interested in the church, the Sunday School and all the other auxiliaries of the church. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also," said Jesus. We should therefore teach our children to put their treasures in the church and not in any one auxiliary of the church.

2. It will teach him to respect and reverence the message of the church.

3. It will teach him to respect and reverence the head of the church, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

4. It will make it easier for him to give his soul and his life to the Lord.

5. It will teach him to obey the teachings of God's Word.

6. It will teach him to lay up his treasures in Heaven and thus grow rich toward God while he is growing rich in this world's goods.

7. It will lead him to have a deeper appreciation for his parents.

After he grows up the sweetest memories of his childhood days will be gathered about the religious instructions he received in his own home and by his own father and mother.

Somebody has figured out that Southern Baptists owe \$21,384,223, of which \$5,820,365 is on South-wide boards and the rest on state institutions. Texas leads, with North Carolina second.

The Morton W. M. S. passed strenuous resolutions supporting the eighteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. They are signed by Mrs. L. A. Dansby, President and Mrs. N. T. Stuart, Sect.

W. M. U.

Good News!

The Office Force, and especially our Young Peoples' Leader, is so happy over the fact that the Tithing stories are rolling in this year. And each Organization—Y. W. A.; G. A.; R. A.; and Sunbeam—is represented in the number sent. There are still others to come. Please rush them as March is here.

Mrs. H. C. Williamson writes interestingly of the church and Society at Oakvale in Lawrence County Association. With the coming of the new pastor, Bro. W. S. Landrum and with renewed zeal in the Society she feels they have a great year ahead of them. God bless them for their earnest efforts.

Ruby Anniversary Booklet

Headquarters has gotten out a very lovely and helpful booklet on the Ruby Anniversary. It seems to contain everything that can be possibly needed in the way of information on this Anniversary; and certainly all needed helps for Ruby programs. Indeed three programs are given, each perfect in its way. One is Historical, one on Enlistment and the other Inspirational. Then if a Rally feels the need of combining all in one surely the results will be superb.

Send to this office for a copy; and be sure that every member of your church is made familiar with the Ruby Anniversary.

State Convention Items

You will note on this Page a tentative copy of the Programs for our coming State Meeting. You all of course know that the time is April 3-5, 1928 at McComb. That is nearly all of us know. Some few seem unaware of the time. Some pastors in the State are planning for important meetings that same date. This is unfortunate because we are to have on this program those who will bring messages that every one of us should hear.

We are at this time calling special attention to the Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. These are open to all. Beginning at 8:30 our Vice Presidents and Associational Superintendents will each morning meet to discuss problems pertaining to their work. Then on Wednesday morning from 9 to 9:45 Mrs. R. B. Gunter, State Stewardship Chairman will have an open Conference on this important phase of the work. Following her for the next forty-five minutes Mrs. Broach will conduct an open Conference on Personal Service. The following morning at 9 Mrs. Hammack will have charge of the Mission Study Conference. Then the Young Peoples' Conference under the leadership of Miss Traylor follows this.

Sisters these conferences alone will repay you for the trip.

Associational Rallies

They are being held all over the State. And all that they can the Office Force is attending. Such splendid Rallies as they are proving to be. Many of them are devoting the day to the Ruby Anniversary. And even when other phases of the Work are discussed, we find the tendency to urge the Ruby plans of enlistment of the unenlisted; and a greater increase in organizations.

Concerning Miss Leachman's Class in Meridian My Dear Miss Lackey:

We finished our book "New Challenge to Home Missions" this afternoon. Truly it has been a great week. Meridian is happy to have had Miss Leachman for certainly she has brought us to a clearer vision of the responsibilities that are ours, which I believe is the one thing most needful among our Baptist people, if not the most needful, it is certainly very needful and Miss Leachman is indeed pouring out her life into trying

to awaken the people. At each of her services held in the various churches at night she spoke to a good number of people and for class work in the afternoons we had a total enrollment of about 200 with an average attendance of about 120, every church in the city having splendid representation and a few from the rural churches. Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Ethredge, Mrs. Broach and Miss McLellan worked so faithfully to help me make the week a success.

Certainly we are now expecting larger offerings when we observe our week of prayer for Home Missions in March. Each of the above named leaders have expressed their deep appreciation for having had Miss Leachman and thank you for sending her this way.

With love,

Mrs. R. M. Martin, Supt.,
Lauderdale Co.

Attention Sisters!

Please send your name at once to Mrs. W. E. Brashear, McComb and tell her that you wish a home for the W. M. U. Meeting April 3-5. Be sure and tell her on what train you will arrive or if you will go in a car.

We would like to urge everyone who will attend the Convention to not fail to send in her name. It makes it so hard for the committee if we all go without giving notice before hand. Please do this thing.

Stewardship Covenant Cards

Numerous calls are coming to this office for STEWARDSHIP COVENANT CARDS. Our supply of this card has long been exhausted and we are unable to secure more from Birmingham. We are giving below a copy of same and suggest that societies who wish to use these make typewritten copies of same.

Recognizing, 1st, that I am God's steward, that He has the rightful and supreme claim upon me and my possessions; 2nd, God said to ancient Israel: "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord"; 3rd, that Paul says concerning giving: "See that ye abound in this grace also"; and, 4th, that the results of thus honoring God have always been most gratifying, enriching both the giver and the Kingdom:

I, therefore, promise, as a recognition of my stewardship and an expression of my love to God, to lay aside until further notice at least one-tenth of my income for the support of His cause. First they gave their own selves unto the Lord. 2 Cor. 8:5—Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. Gen. 28:22.

Signed by

(Name)

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(Town and State)

(Society of One Signing Card)

Date (Church of one Signing Card)

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

Tuesday Evening

- 7:30 Special Music by Choir
- 7:50 Devotional by Pastor of First Church
- 8:10 Organization by W. M. U. President
- Appointment of Committees: Enrollment, Memorial, Resolutions
- Welcome
- Response
- 8:40 Missionary Sermon or Address—Dr. Everett Gill
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Wednesday Morning

- 9-10:30 Conferences: Stewardship and Personal Service
- 10:30 Devotional

Introduction of Visitors
Appointment of Nominating Committee
Announcements

- 11:00 Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Music
- President's Message
- Prayer

- 12:00 Consecration Service—Miss Emma Leachman
- Adjournment

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 Hymn
- Announcements from Institution: Hospital, Orphanage
- 2:00 Report from Training School Trustee
- Prayer
- Report from Margaret Fund Trustee
- Prayer
- Report on Ministerial Student's Relief
- Hymn and Prayer
- Message by Miss Leachman
- Business

- 4:30 Announcements
- Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

Ruby Anniversary Hour

- 7:30 Special Music
- Devotional
- Hymn "Our Union is Marching On"
- 8:00 Mississippi's Message: State Chairman
- Ruby Anniversary—Mrs. Hiram Hughes
- "A Song from Shut-Ins"—Mrs. H. M. King
- Hymn: Ruby Anniversary Enlistment
- Song "Win Them One by One"
- Announcements
- 8:30 Ruby Anniversary—Mrs. W. J. Cox
- Adjournment

Thursday Morning

- 9-10:30 Conferences: Young People Mission Study

Young People's and College Y. W. A. Hour

- 10:30 Hymn
- Prayer
- Devotional
- Song: "When He Cometh to Make Up His Jewels" by Sunbeams
- 11:00 Glimpses of Work of the Colleges—
- 11:15 A Mountain Top Experience—Ridgecrest
- 11:30 Special Song
- A Tither's Meditation
- Glee Club
- 11:00 Presentation of Banners
- Announcements
- 11:50 Message on Young People—Mrs. W. J. Cox
- Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30 Hymn
- Prayer
- Business
- Report of Committees: Enrollment, Memorial, Nominating, Resolutions
- 3:00 Cooperative Program—Dr. R. B. Gunter
- Announcements
- Adjournment

About Dr. W. W. Hamilton, the new President of the Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. Mitchell of The Florida Witness says:

"We had the pleasure of being present and of taking some humble part in his ordination. Later on we saw more of him in our home, had his able assistance in revival meeting work and came to know him better. We have watched his course through the years always with a great degree of satisfaction. A cleaner soul we have never known. He is devout and God-fearing in an eminent degree. He has evangelistic gifts such as are possessed by few men within our ranks. It will be remembered that he was at the head of the Evangelistic Force of The Home Board for a number of years. This right arm of our strength never did better work than during the years of his administration.

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ever, the beautiful scenery, material
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except Texas, and I think Missis-
sippi College leads all other colleges.
I am here taking a short inspira-
tional course in evangelism, and it
seems to me that Drs. Scarborough,
Conner, Ray, Barnes and Dana can
find more to do and get more work
out of a fellow than any men I was
ever under. This is a great King-
dom-work-shop.

G. W. Riley, Clinton.

**A POLICEMAN MAKES
PROFESSION OF FAITH**
(City Mission Work by Bible
Institute Students in New Orleans)

On Friday evening, February 10,
before the group assigned to hold
services at French Market left the

Women's Building, we assembled
in one of the parlors and had a
season of prayer. On the bus
going down we sang hymns of
praise. So it seemed like the Lord
was present from the beginning.
When we drove up to the street
corner everything looked pretty
good, except a big policeman
standing there. Some one remarked,
"If that policeman stays around,
we will have no crowd tonight." We
got out as bravely as possible and
at the sound of the organ and sing-
ing, people began to gather around.
Soon the big policeman left, but a
smaller one (in size) was standing
back on the side. As most of the
people at French Market are Italian,
Bro. Caroselli preached first in
Italian. The crowd grew and the
attention was good as he spoke. The
policeman took it all in. When Bro.
Caroselli finished Bro. P. A. Prid-
gen, the leader of our group,
preached a very good sermon on the
subject, "The Wages of Sin is
Death." We could feel the presence
of the Holy Spirit and see in the
expression on the faces of others
the manifestation of His power. Our
policeman had stood through it all
with intense interest. When the in-
vitation was given he didn't hesitate,
but was the first one to come. You
could see in his face a new light
and an expression of joy. One of
the workers gave him a copy of one
of the Gospels and he went on his
way rejoicing. Eight other men fol-
lowed him, saying they accepted
Jesus as their Saviour.

Surely the Lord answers prayer
and honors the efforts of his serv-
ants. We rejoice in the part we are
having in helping take the Gospel
to lost and benighted New Orleans.
—The Magnet.

DURANT BAPTISTS HAVE SPECIAL DAY

Durant, Miss., March 5, 1928.

Yesterday was a great day for the
members and friends of the Durant
Baptist Church. At the morning
service, Mrs. J. F. Williams, Lex-
ington; Mrs. L. T. Suber, Durant;
Miss Ruby Quillen, Tchula; and
Miss Una Montgomery, Pickens, re-
viewed the forty years of glorious
history of the Woman's Missionary
Union, each speaker discussing one
decade. The next number on this
helpful program was an address by
Miss Fannie Traylor, Jackson, our
state Young People's Leader. Miss
Traylor was at her best and spoke
interestingly and inspiringly of the
present members receiving the torch
of the past, the kind of hands to
receive it, and of each one carrying
on in this great work. These five
speakers gave the congregation as-
sembled a backward look, a forward
look, and an upward look.

At the evening service the men
and young men had charge of the
choir and proved conclusively their
ability to lead the singing of their
church. In addition to leading the
congregational singing, they ren-
dered two special numbers in a very
effective and pleasing way.

—J. S. Riser, Jr.

BILL NASON SINGS Ackerman B. Y. P. U.

How our souls were lifted Sunday
evening, February 26, as we listened
to a special song and talk by Mr.
Bill Nason, student of The Cincin-
nati Conservatory of Music! The
theme of his message was: "Each
of us is painting a picture with his
life and that we should so paint that
the most beautiful colors shall be
shown in the picture." His message
was full of hope and cheer in living
for "others."

Mr. Nason lives in Kosciusko,
where he is actively connected with
the Baptist Church. We hope that
other unions may have the same
privilege that was ours—a visit of
sunshine and inspiration to live for
Christ.

—Reporter Senior B. Y. P. U.

GALLMAN

The work here is moving along
nicely. Our B. Y. P. U.'s are second
to none in the country. Our young
people are very much interested in
the work. We have a fine Sunday
School. It shows signs of growth
all the time. This church is blessed
with some of the real salt of the
earth. I am fondly looking forward
to the time when Gallman Baptist
Church will be one of the greatest
factors for the on-going of God's
Kingdom in this section. We are
planning to remodel our church
building. There will be much re-
joicing in our midst when this task
is finished.

There is some talk of this church
moving up from two Sundays per
month to three Sundays. I am sure
that would be a fine start toward
full time. We are asking The Rec-
ord readers to pray for us, and watch
us grow.

—S. W. Sproles.

Stout theatrical person (engaging
room): "Windows a bit small.
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Which heavenly truth imparts,
And all the lore its scholars need
Pure eyes and Christian hearts".
—Keble.

When The West Was Young, by
John D. Freeman, D.D., Editor of
"Baptist and Reflector". Baptist
Sunday School Board, Nashville.
\$1.75 net.

Being only one generation re-
moved from pioneer days myself
and that in a state adjacent to the
one in which the scene of this story
was laid, I think I can appreciate
this book to the full. As I read it I
was many times reminded of stories
I had heard around the fireside when
a boy. My love for a good story,
especially one of this type, has not
ceased. It is needless to say that I
thoroughly enjoyed the book. It
gives a picture of pioneer life—its
hardships, its dangers, its joys and
its triumphs—which our young peo-
ple need to know and which older
people will enjoy reading about. The
author has a vivid imagination and
wields a facile pen. There are thrills
a-plenty for those who love stories
of daring and adventure. That dog
and panther fight makes you hold
your breath! And the race which
the young girl has with the pack of
wolves when she went for the doctor
to attend her sick brother will make
the hair stand on your head. The
picture of the Christmas dinner that
was spread when Jack Wright and
his two sisters had come home from
college for the holidays will make
your mouth water. The pioneer did
not live "from hand to mouth" as
some are prone to think. The beau-
tiful romance which runs through
the whole story constitutes an added
charm, and the ideals set forth in
the book are noble and uplifting to
those who read the story. Lay this
book down in a home where there
is a large family and there will be
a tussle as to who shall read it first.
Mother and father will no doubt pre-
sent priority claims while the chil-
dren will read on and not appear to
listen.

A Short Psychology of Religion,
by G. J. Jordan, D.D., Litt.D. Har-
per and Brothers, New York. \$1.50.

The author has made a thorough
study of his subject and presents his
thoughts in such a manner that the
average reader can grasp his mean-
ing. He makes a distinction between
the study of psychology and theol-
ogy. He does not think that the
psychologist should intrude into the
divine side of religion, but confine
his efforts to mental processes in
the study of the psychology of re-
ligion. He is reverent, evangelical,
and practical and the reading of this
book by ministers and teachers will
prove to be helpful. The reader,
(Continued on page 16)

THE BRAZILIAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

With its largest attendance the Brazilian Baptist Convention was called to order by its President Rev. Antonio Ernesto da Silva, on January 11, 1928, in the new building of the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro.

There was very little delay in getting to work. Hymns were sung, prayers offered and then the election of officers. The election of the President was by secret ballot, but as the first ballot showed no definite result a motion was made that the vote be cast between the two names which received the highest number of votes. That being done, Bro. Manoel Avelino de Sousa was elected. The choice of Bro. Avelino assured a good convention, for as a presiding officer he has no superior and very few equals.

The place of the meeting of the Convention was significant. As I have already mentioned the Convention held its sessions in the new building of the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro. For years and years it had been the dream of Brazilian Baptists to have a worthy church building in their capital. Now that dream had been realized and with the exception of the work of the preceding week, the first work there was the Brazilian Baptist Convention. From the north and the south, from the east and the west, they came to meet in their National Convention and to see their new building, the like of which does not exist in all South America.

And how they rejoiced over their new building! Through all of the meetings there ran a hymn of praise and thanksgiving that had its influence on the proceedings and the actions of the Convention. As never before the Baptists were united and determined in the making and carrying out of plans for the ongoing of the Kingdom of God.

The city of Rio de Janeiro was made to feel, as it had never felt, that Baptists are here to stay and that they are in earnest about the work of the Master. With the new building and the meeting of the Convention so soon after its inauguration the Baptist Cause received more advertisement than it had received in ten years before. Thousands of people attended the Convention and heard of the Gospel that had never done so before.

The number of messengers was large, being more than two hundred and fifty in number. They came all the way from Para in the north to Rio Grande do Sul in the south, from Matto Grosso and Goyaz in the far west. Some of them traveled twelve days in order to be at the Convention. One woman came from Para twelve days away by boat, to appeal to the Home Mission Board for help in sending the Gospel to the people in that great state.

The quality of the messengers was the best. They were men and women who had come to discuss the work of the Master and they were able to do it intelligently. In all of the discussions there was a sincere and

ardent desire to find and do the will of the Master. Problems and questions were met and looked squarely in the face. There was no desire on the part of any one to flee from responsibility. The messengers were there to work and work they did, attending with great faithfulness all of the sessions of the Convention.

The reports which were brought to the Convention covered a multiplicity of subjects, missions, education, evangelization, care for the aged ministers and for the sick, orphanages. None of those things were forgotten or neglected. The Baptists of Brazil are determined to carry out the full work and plan of the Master.

Then the reports were brought in and discussed. There was no cut and dried program. There was no railroading of pet projects. Time was taken to look the proposition in the face and then to decide it for the best of the Cause. There was Baptist liberty in all of the discussions of the reports. Most of the reports were accepted but some of them were rejected almost completely. There was no attempt on the part of any one or any interest to limit or curtail the discussions.

And for that reason there was a harmonious spirit during all of the Convention. There were no disagreeable incidents. Brethren spoke to brethren as brethren and no wounds were left to fester.

The harmony existing between the missionaries and Brazilians was the very finest. All of the officers of the Convention were Brazilians and if they had so desired they could have left the missionaries completely out. But such was not the case. No missionary during the whole convention felt the least constraint. A missionary was continued as Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Convention and during the discussion on Foreign Missions all of the missionaries of the Richmond Board were called upon the platform to be recognized by the Convention. Then Dr. Soren appealed to the Brazilians to give their sons and daughters for the further spreading of the Gospel in the same way the Southern Baptists had given to Brazil of their own. It was a wonderful hour and the Holy Spirit was present in power.

To those who understand the plan of Jesus Christ any Baptist Convention must be measured by its attitude toward missions. If missions are emphasized then it was a great convention. If not then it has failed in its God-given task whatever else results.

Judged by that measure the Brazilian Convention was a really great one. Two nights were given to Home and Foreign Missions. For more than four hours each night the people planned for the carrying out of the plans of the Master. They were in earnest and though new as a denomination they were determined to put missions in first place in their plans.

Home Missions came first. As the people met together there was

a quiet seriousness in their attitude that showed that they were earnestly facing the task before them. To begin the service they sang the song that has become a real Home Mission song. "Salve Deus a minha Patria." "God Save the Homeland." Then there was a prayer that the Holy Spirit might lead the work of that night.

The Corresponding Secretary then brought his report and showed to the Convention the open doors. The work of the Board at the present time is with the Indians of Brazil. There are thousands of these and the Baptists are really seriously bent on their salvation and redemption. There are six workers and there are at present two centers of work. They are planning also to open up a work among the immigrants that are coming in ever increasing numbers to Brazil.

The Board was able to bring a report of no debt as it did last year. There was a sixty percent increase in the contributions for the past year and the Convention voted the same increase for next year.

Foreign Mission night was of no less interest. Our Foreign Board has been crossing a period of testing but all felt that the testing time was past and that the future holds mighty things for the Brazilian Baptist work in Portugal. As many already know the work in Portugal was begun by the Brazilian Baptists. After they had the work well begun the Baptists in Texas, who do not cooperate with the Richmond Board, opened work that has been the cause of all the trouble there. Fortunately, at present, the work has been divided and each Board will work independently.

There was new hope in all of the discussions and Brazilian Baptists are taking seriously the task of evangelizing their Motherland. The work was never in such a promising condition as at the present time.

The Convention voted \$25,000.00 for Home and Foreign Missions for the coming year, an increase of 25 percent and there is every indication that they will raise that amount.

The future for the Convention is glorious. There are no problems of serious difficulty before it at the present time. Its difficulties are due to its own rapid development. God is raising up in Brazil a strong denomination that will have a great part in the future of its beloved country. Southern Baptists must look with great sympathy and interest to this great Field and must not forget their interest and responsibility for the future. The Master is blessing the work and the future is full of hope.

L. M. Bratcher, D.D.,

Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

Sermon Outlines of Pastor
J. H. Hooks, Moorhead

1. It must have a converted membership. (All true Children of God.)
2. It must be shot thru with reverence. (worshiping in Spirit and

in Truth.)

3. It must be an organized church. (each one at his own work.)
 4. It must be a pure Democracy. (each having equal voice.)
 5. It must do business in a business way. (pays all debts promptly.)
 6. It must be intensely Evangelistic. (engaging in the business of soul-winning.)
 7. It must be a growing church. (in number, knowledge of the word, grace, etc.)
 8. It must be an equipped church. (proper housing facilities.)
 9. It must be a victorious church. (must conquer in the conflict, "gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.")
- At 7 P. M. an ideal Home.
- It must be a home where there is:
1. A God-Planned union of man and wife.
 2. A love that is ever growing and fragrant.
 3. A place where children are loved and welcomed.
 4. A place of physical comfort and attraction.
 5. A place where the fires of the family altar are kept burning.

A wedding of deep interest to the B. Y. P. U.'s of Memphis was celebrated at Central Baptist Church, between the B. Y. P. U. and church services last Sunday night, at which time Pastor Cox united in matrimony Mr. Ben F. Holden and Miss Nora Lee Hunt.

They are both very popular members of the C. S. Leavell Union. They will reside in Sledge, Miss., where Mr. Holden is in business.

Must Have Been Saturday

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The Children's Circle

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

My Dear Children:

You will see from our list of contributions today that we have given \$64.10 for our room at the Orphanage, and \$53.00 for another. I am so glad that we have been able to do it, and now we will turn our minds and our money to our girl at the Baptist Bible Institute. Maybe she will be a missionary for us in a foreign land or in a great city, or to the Indians. Don't be discouraged if you haven't seen your letter: you will see it as soon as I get a space to put it in. And don't forget this dear B. B. I. girl.

With much love,

Mrs. Lipsey.

Scholarship at B. B. I.

Cash	\$10.00
Mrs. Z. B. Wiggins	1.00
Hazel Cook	.15
Lena, H. C., Jr., and	
Abbie Miriam Clark	1.00
Doris Bailey	.25

Georgetown, Miss., Jan. 30, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 10 years old and go to school at Georgetown and love my teacher and I like to go to school. I have five sisters and three brothers, but two of my sisters are dead. Well, you asked us all to help the Orphanage. I will send 10c. That isn't much, but will help some. I have two little brothers that will write and send some too.

Yours truly, Aubrey Ashley.

Many a mickle makes a muckle, Aubrey. That means, it's the dimes that make the dollars. We are obliged for yours.

Shuqualak, Miss., Feb. 3, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 10 years of age. I go to school every day. Am in the fifth grade. My school teacher's name is Mrs. Bethany. I love her very much. I also go to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. every Sunday and am the President of the B. Y. P. U. Mother and I enjoy reading The Baptist Record. I am enclosing a small offering for the Orphanage. Your friend,

Bessie Cotton.

I congratulate you, Miss President, on your position of honor and trust, and thank you for the offering.

Mantee, Miss., Feb. 3, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I'm glad you are going to have a page for children in The Baptist Record. Grandmother reads the children's letters to me. I am a little boy. Will be 5 years old in May. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. Mother teaches me the lesson. Mrs. Guyton is my teacher. I live close to the church. My Daddy is Supt. of our S. S. Santa was good to me. He brought me lots of things. I like my coaster wagon best of all. I haul stove wood for Mother. My pets are a bull-dog and a cat. My dog's name is Perry. My cat's name is Christmas. I am sending 10c for the Orphanage room. I mean to send more later. Mrs. Lipsey, please print this. I want to surprise my Mother and Daddy.

Your little friend,

John Harrel George.

Christmas doesn't come just "once a year" at your house, does it, John, but probably three times a day? You must help us to get up some money now for the girl at the Baptist Bible Institute, won't you?

Newton, Miss., Feb. 12, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Daddy takes The Baptist Record. I enjoy reading the Children's Circle

very much. I got several things Christmas. I received a box of stationery, a string of beads, a pair of bedroom slippers, a ring, a work-box, an autograph book, a handkerchief. I like my ring because it is my birthstone. I have 7 dolls and Mamma and Daddy said I was too big to have any more. One of my grandmas lives with us and the other one lives next door to us. We live near the school-house. My Daddy is a preacher and he is gone every Sunday. I will write again soon. Your friend,

Beatrice Phillips.

You have lots of dolls, Beatrice, haven't you? I know a little girl who had 12 dolls, and made special request for another Christmas, and got it.

Blue M'tn, Miss., R. 2, 2-13-28.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Papa takes The Baptist Record. I am glad to have the Children's Circle. I was 9 years old the 5th of January. I go to school. I am in the third grade. I have one brother and one sister younger than I am, so we are sending 25c each for the orphans, along with Mamma's offering, so you will find a check for \$10.75, which we hope you will use for the little ones that need help.

Yours truly, Avie Lee Hill.

Well, Avie Lee, that was a great big check you sent. You must tell Mamma and Brother and Sister, that we are just as grateful for it as we can be. We truly thank you all. You must all go when you can to see our Orphanage room.

Pheba, Miss., Feb. 13, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

As I take The Baptist Record, and read your page for children and interested in helping it, I have no little children to send in, thought would take the privilege on myself to send in \$1.00. Hope you will accept it with my love and interest I have for you and children.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. F. C. Wofford.

We appreciate the money, dear Mrs. Wofford, and thank you for it, but the love and interest you send is even more acceptable. Won't you write again soon?

Coffeeville, Miss., Feb. 13, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 9 years old and I go to school and study the third grade. My aunt told me of your wanting the children to help furnish a room for the orphans, and I was right in the notion to help, so I'm sending 20c and my aunt sends 20c. I have a new baby doll that I think lots of. It can cry and go to sleep. I like to play at school and at home too. Yours sincerely,

Judith Lynn Vickery.

I thank you and Auntie too for your help. When you can, won't you send some more for our B. B. I. girl?

Lena, Miss., R. 1, Feb. 23, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

As you do not limit the age of the Circle members, maybe the grandmothers will not be prohibited. I enjoy reading The Baptist Record, the editorials, Mr. and Mrs. Lipsey's letters and his when he was in the War. I enjoyed Mrs. Gunter's page, and now the Circle. I remember when Bro. J. B. Gambrell was Editor of the paper, and Mrs. Gambrell had a similar page that I liked so much to read. I am sending my contribution to help the girl in the B. B. I. I waited too long to help with the orphans' room, so I am sending that to Bro. Massey. I have been an orphan ever since I can re-

member, and now I am just

A Lonely Widow,

(Mrs.) Zebbie L. Wiggins.

I believe that yours is the first contribution, dear friend, from our state for the B. B. I. girl. We thank you very much. We are glad that you like our paper, and that it is a pleasure to you, and hope you will write again.

Lucedale, Miss., R. 2, Feb. 3.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Here comes my offering, for I do love our dear little orphans. I am a little boy 7 years of age. I go to school and am in the third grade. My Daddy and Mother take The Baptist Record, and I'm so happy that we children have a page in our great Baptist paper. Mother reads God's Word to me daily, and I am learning to read it some for myself. Mother has been reading some story books to me, and I enjoy them so much, but of all the books I love the Bible best. I go to Sunday School regularly, and am in the Primary Dept. A little friend,

Willard Mills.

I am always glad to hear of a little boy who loves the Bible. It will be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Thank you for the money; next time, you will send some for the B. B. I. girl, I hope.

Deemer, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have two little sisters, one older and one younger than I. I have black eyes and dark hair. My sisters have dark hair and eyes too. I like to hear Mother read the Children's Circle to us. I am so glad we children can have a part in The Record. Mother said it is nice for the little girls and boys to read, or to have a mother to read to us. A little girl,

Helen Agent.

It is certainly nice to have a mother to read to you. I know, because I have a mother who used to read to me, Helen.

Collins, Miss., Feb. 21, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Our class of girls has been reading about the rooms you are going to have built on to the building, and is sending you \$3.00. We hope it will help out. We are so interested that we are going to save up each month and send our money to you. We have about 14 girls in our class. Our ages are from 9 to 12.

Your friends, Junior Girls of Collins Baptist Church (By Jacque Edwards).

I am so pleased, my dears, to have 14 girls in one bunch to help us out with our B. B. I. girl. Your \$3.00 already received will go into our second room at the Orphanage, and funds for that are now about completed.

Ridgeland, Miss., Feb. 11, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 9 years old, in the second grade in school. My teacher's name is Miss Fannie Rainer. I take music and my music teacher's name is Mrs. Hewes of Jackson. I am a member of the Baptist Church. Mamma raises chickens and flowers. I feed the chickens for her sometimes. My Papa farms and dairies. I have one sister and two brothers. Their names are Mary, Harry and Frank.

With love and best wishes,

Flora B. Stout.

Well, I want Flora, Mary, Harry and Frank to get their mother to give them a hen with brood of little chickens, to raise for the B. B. I. girl, not, of course, for her to eat, but to sell for money, to give for her expense at school. I wonder if Mamma don't? Ask her.

Carthage, Miss., Feb. 10, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

My boy is just 3 years old, and

can't write, but I've told him about your plan of raising money and what it's for, so he wants to help. I'm enclosing a check for \$1.00 for him. Praying for your success in this work, I am, Your friend,

Mrs. R. C. Wright.

P. S.—The boy's name is Bobby Joe Wright.

We are grateful to you and Bobbie Joe, Mrs. Wright, for the money. I see you are raising him right as well as Wright.

Lorman, Miss., Feb. 5, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I think it is so nice of you to give this to the children. Today is our preaching day at my church. I was to go, but the rain said not. I love to go to church. I am a little girl 12 years old. Have light hair, gray eyes and fair complexion. I have not missed a day from school this session so far. Hope to pass to the seventh for another year. I have three sisters, the baby is 3 years old. She is so sweet. It seems to us she is a little angel God sent to us, for we love her dearly. "Daddy" takes The Baptist Record. I am sending 25c for the little orphans' room. God bless all the little children who have contributed to the room furnishing. Hope to see this in print so as to surprise my dear Grandmother, who is 72 years of age.

Lilly Nell Pahnka.

The rain that kept you from church was helping, Lilly Nell, to bring out all the yellow flowers that are blooming around us now. With your money and all the other children's, we have furnished two Orphanage rooms.

Winona, Miss., Feb. 10, 1928.

My Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I can hardly wait for the Children's Page to come. My Daddy has been taking The Record for a long time. I am 8 years old, and am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. W. S. Pittman, and I like her fine. I am sending 25c for the Orphanage. I have a brother in college, and another brother in the eighth grade, and a sister in high school. Your friend,

Julia Herring.

You all believe in going to school, don't you, Julia? Thank you for the money; soon you must send some for the B. B. I.

Mendenhall, Miss., Feb. 10, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey and Circle:

I am so glad we have a page in The Baptist Record. My Mother reads the letters to me every week and I enjoy it very much. I am also very much interested in the Orphanage room. Each night, I remember the little orphan children in my prayers. I am 7 years old. I am sending \$1.00 for the room. I want to be one of the Circle.

Your little friend, Bobbie Neal.

Praying and giving go along mighty well together, Bobbie. You are now a Circle member, Bobbie Neal.

Summit, Miss., Feb. 21, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Will you let another little girl join your page? I am 7 years old, have brown eyes and hair, and am in the high first grade. Mother reads the Children's letters to me, and I enjoy them so much. I have no brother or sister either, so you see I get rather lonesome. I have lots of playthings. I have 3 big mamma dolls. I am sending \$1.00 to help with the room. Mother helped me to write my letter. A new member,

Julia Lee Spurlock.

Did you know we have three Julias on our page this week, Julia. You, and I, and Julia Herring. We are so much obliged for the \$1.00.

Bill. "You are just like an airplane."

Phil. "Why, 'cause I fly so high?"

Bill. "No; you're no use on earth."—Boys' Life.

Sunday School Department

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 11, 1928

Jesus Feeds the Multitudes

Mark 6:31-44; 8:1-10

(From Points for Emphasis
by H. C. Moore)

Golden Text—I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

1. **The Ministry of Recreation** suggested temporary withdrawal from the multitudes. The Twelve had just returned to Jesus at Capernaum after a strenuous tour of evangelism among the villages of southern Galilee. They needed relaxation and an opportunity for quiet conference with the Master. But the throngs pressed about him so that he had no leisure even to eat. Hence, he invited, or rather commanded, the disciples to come apart from the throng to a quiet spot and there rest awhile. Accordingly, they entered a boat and crossed the sea to a solitude on the northeastern shore.

2. **The Ministry of Instruction**, designed in this instance for the disciples alone, was widened to include the eager multitude who had walked miles to hear and see Jesus. On landing therefore and seeing the crowds Jesus was deeply moved, his heart yearned over them as shepherdless sheep, and he began to teach them many things. Soon the day was far spent.

3. **The Ministry of Philanthropy** grew out of the loneliness of the place, the lateness of the day and the faintness of the people. The disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd to neighboring farms and villages for food. In reply he demanded that the people be fed first and asked Philip, a native of the neighborhood, where food could be found. Philip in amazement answered that hardly a taste for each one in the thousands of the throng could be secured with 200 denarii (a Roman denarius being the usual compensation for a day's labor in the field). The disparity between need and supply was accentuated by the discovery that the only food available was a lad's lunch, consisting of five barley loaves (hardly larger than our buck-wheat cakes) and two small fishes (possibly the size of sardines). But after grouping and seating the people on the grass so they could be served easily, Jesus took the scanty stock of food, offered thanks, then broke it into multiplying pieces, and distributed through the disciples to all as much as they wanted. When everybody had eaten to the full, the disciples at the word of Jesus took up twelve baskets full of pieces into which Jesus and the disciples had broken the food. The surplus at the last was far greater than the supply at first. Yet five thousand men (besides women and children who

evidently were not so numerous) had eaten a hearty evening meal.

4. **The Ministry of Intercession** caused the praying Christ to seek the fellowship of the Father. First, he sent the Twelve back in their boat. Then he the more easily dispersed the crowds. And then with bounding heart and step he sought the mountain slope and summit where amid the enveloping darkness he gained strength of soul to decline the people's offer of a throne, to face the crisis at Capernaum next day, and to pursue his path to the sacrificial cross just a year later.

COLLEGE COLUMN

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE NOTES

Clinton B. Y. P. U. Enjoys Week of Study

All Nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair—
The bees are stirring—birds are on the wing—

And so it was with the Clinton B. Y. P. U.'s last week. Under the leadership of Mr. Swor, our inspiring Director, we went through one of the most beneficial and inspirational periods of study that has ever been conducted in Clinton. This was our annual Study Course week. Prior to the beginning of this week of Baptist study, the Quiz Leaders and Instruction Committees of the various unions had been hard at work with the B. Y. P. U.ers, impressing upon them the truth of the blessings they were to receive during Study Course week. Of course some of the more skeptical ones doubted most of what we told them, but they had only to wait to have every expectation of the leaders confirmed. Attractive blotters were printed and placed in the dining room, and other conspicuous places, advertising the Study Course with special emphasis on Mr. William Hall Preston's initial address.

On Sunday night all the unions met as usual, and the general officers had charge of the general assembly program. Chester E. Swor had charge of the Young People's Religious hour, after which the faculty was introduced. Mr. Preston, of the Inter-Board Commission headed the list, with Mrs. Preston, Miss Durscherl, and Miss Ferrell following. Mr. Preston followed with the evening's address which replaced the regular sermon.

Each night during the week and closing Friday night the following program was followed: Opening Assembly, Class Period, and Points of Emphasis. These points of emphasis were: On Monday, Social; Tuesday, Senior B. Y. P. U.; Wednesday, Junior and Intermediate; Thursday, B. S. U.; and Friday, Inspiration. These points were finely worked out and have meant a great deal to us here.

Perhaps the outstanding blessing received, came from our contact with those who came to teach us. In his inspiring address Sunday night and his helpful talks at the Chapel devotional period, Mr. Preston won the hearts of both Student Bodies of our two Colleges. His scholarship, wonderful personality, and deep consecration to God enabled him to lead these college men and women in an unsurpassable manner. Never once did the interest wane, nor the central figure fail to be the Savior, Jesus Christ; His cause in Clinton is better known because Preston was sent to us.

At their first appearance the faculty expressed themselves as being here to serve in whatever way they could, and it can be truthfully said that they were kept extremely busy. Mrs. Preston taught a class of Juniors, a class in Senior Administration, and led the Noon Day Prayer meeting a time or two. Miss Durscherl, a product of Mississippi Woman's College, taught the Junior-Intermediate Leader's Manual, as well as aided in the Noon Day Prayer Meeting. Miss Ferrell taught the Intermediate work, and accomplished much with the large class that she had. Mr. Preston's fine Christian character, and Miss Durscherl's winning smile will be long remembered here in Clinton. Practically 85% of our B. Y. P. U. constituency was faithful and took the examination.

This would not be complete without some mention of our Pastor, who was loyal to the last. Each night he was present to lend his moral support in whatever was to be done. Dr. Lovelace has shown a wonderful spirit of cooperation with whatever his young people have wanted to do for the Master, and we are not unmindful and unappreciative of this fact. —Elmer C. Prichard, B. S. U. Reporter, Mississippi Col.

Open Doors of Opportunity at Blue Mountain

O-p-p-o-r-t-u-n-i-t-y.

Where? At B. M. C.—Doors wide open.

When? Now.

What? Sunday School Training School.

Don't you agree with us? Before you make your decision though, let us tell you who are workers are, that have opened wide the doors of opportunity to us right here on our campus this week.

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, that charming personality who spreads joy and sunshine every where she goes, is teaching her own book, "Working With Juniors"; Miss Mary Alice Biby, a consecrated Christian worker who radiates the love of Christ, is teaching the book, "Working With Intermediates"; Mr. Lloyd Garland, a splendid state worker whom many of you throughout the state already know, is teaching the Sunday School Manual; and Mr. Wyatt Hunter, another fine state worker who has already proven his worth and has won the respect and admiration of B. M. C. by his successful work here in the past, is teaching the book, "Winning To Christ".

With such a group as this, who could want a greater opportunity? We feel that they will bring a blessing into our lives that shall not only bring forth fruits while we are in B. M. C. but more especially in the days that are to come when we shall go back home to work in the Sunday Schools there. Only a few of us have the privilege of teaching and working in a specific way in S. S. here, but our vision is broader than just this field. We are looking forward to and preparing for the work we may be called on to do when we leave school. We feel sure that the workers who are with us this week will impart to us many of the things we need in this preparation.

—Ruby Talbot, B. S. U. Reporter.

M. S. C. W. NOTES

An interesting new feature at the Baptist Workshop is the weekly "Frolic" which happens every Saturday night at 6:00. Everyone is invited to come over and have a good time. There'll be songs! There'll be games! There'll be companionship. The girls seem to enjoy these social meetings, and judging from the success of the first two "frolics" a crowd will never be lacking.

Dr. Franks begins his lecture course on "The Women of the Bible" on the fourth of this month. His lecture on this subject last year was one of the most interesting of the year. An enthusiastic group of girls are awaiting in anticipation this coming lecture course, and there is no doubt but that they will be pleased.

Want List

Lounge or sofa pillows. They create a homey atmosphere.

Vases. "The poets sing concerning spring". We might have some flowers.

Pitcher. Warm weather is coming. We like ice water.

Tea Pot.

Luncheon Cloth. Open house on Sunday afternoons demands these articles.

—Marie Smith, Reporter.

Your Boy

should be taught to save.
It is a habit that is well worth cultivating.

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Jackson, Mississippi

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B. Y. P. U. Department

"We Study That We May Serve"

AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary
Oxford, Mississippi

Next Week—That's The Time

Study Course Week is NEXT WEEK. Now how many unions are going to observe it? All we want you to do in answering that question is to say "WE ARE". We are counting on that answer and will be looking for a goodly list from your union asking for awards. Be sure to say by each name what award they want, if seal what seal.

And Then What's Week After Next?

State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, Hattiesburg, Miss., March 20-22. Following is the program for B. Y. P. U. Day, Wednesday, March 21st, these sessions held in First Baptist Church. REMEMBER if any of your folk are going on the train you will need to get a certificate from B. Y. P. U. Department, Box 520, Jackson, Miss., ahead of time so your ticket agent will sell you a round trip ticket at reduced rates. WRITE now for as many as you will need.

B. Y. P. U. Section Wednesday, March 21

- A.M.
- 8:30 Conferences
Senior-Adult—Mr. A. W. Talbert
Leaders—Miss Cecelia Durscherl
Intermediates—Mrs. D. A. McCall
Juniors—Miss Lucy Wall
- 9:45 Joint Session of B. Y. P. U. Conference on General B. Y. P. U. Organization—Auber J. Wilds, presiding
- 10:45 Question Box
- 11:00 Joint Session of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
11:00 Song Service led by Mr. Alvon Doty, Jackson
11:25 Devotional—Dr. T. W. Young, Corinth
11:40 Address—Dr. Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 12:30 Junior-Intermediate Leaders Luncheon, Hotel Hattiesburg
- 2:00 Song Service led by Mr. Alvon Doty
- 2:15 The B. Y. P. U. as a Religious Influence in the Community—Mr. W. C. Hester, McAdams
- 2:30 Symposium—My Task
2:30 My Task as Pastor—Rev. A. F. Crittendon, Indianola
2:45 My Task as Director—Miss Joy King, Jackson
2:55 My Task as President—Mr. Willie H. Smith, Clinton
3:05 My Task as Leader—Mrs. Wm. B. Jones, Baldwin
3:15 My Task as Group Captain—Mr. George

Carter, Laurel

- 3:20 The Reach of The Primary Union—Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, Vicksburg
3:30 Effectively Using Our Equipment—Miss Mary D. Yarbrough, Blue Mountain
3:45 My College B. Y. P. U.—Three minute talks from representatives from each college
4:00 Adding to Our Present Progress—Auber J. Wilds
4:15 Banners Awarded
7:15 Song Service
7:30 Devotional—Dr. T. W. Young
7:45 Musical Program—A. H. Doty in charge
8:30 Address—Dr. F. F. Brown

Our music will be in charge of Mr. Alvon Doty. His wonderful voice, his charming personality, and his ability to organize and utilize the musical talent in such a meeting as our convention will be, has placed Mr. Doty at the top with the best song leaders of the South.

The B. Y. P. U. Leaders Luncheon will be at noon Wednesday the 21st at Hotel Hattiesburg. One hundred plates have been ordered and they will be 75c each.

Please send all "IDEAS", posters, etc., to THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Hattiesburg, Miss. Be sure to put your name and address on each piece sent in.

Our Banners

A new banner will be given this year: it will be for the best original idea that is submitted for display in THE "B. Y. P. U. IDEA" TRADE STORE. The idea can be something that you have used sometime in the past in promoting some phase of the work. THE MILEAGE banner will again be awarded to the church having the largest total number of miles traveled to their credit. The regular Junior, Intermediate, Senior, General Organization, College and Poster banners will be awarded.

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News from Oktibbeha County Associational B. Y. P. U.

District Number Two of Oktibbeha County Associational B. Y. P. U. held its meeting January 29, two-thirty o'clock at Adaton Baptist Church.

Following the registration of delegates from Self Creek, Center Grove and Adaton, an interesting program was rendered on Christian Stewardship. Members of the local B. Y. P. U.'s discussed Stewardship as relative Self, Their Part on Program, Their Office in B. Y. P. U., Talents, Money Making and Using,

and Tithing.

Among the visitors who added much to the program were Prof. and Mrs. H. P. Pierson, of A. & M., and Rev. H. Chadwick of Self Creek. The Auber J. Wilds B. Y. P. U. of Adaton won the Banner offered.

—Roxie Clardy, Vice-Pres.

Bay Springs Awards Bible Readers Certificate and B. Y. P. U. Pins

Three sisters, one a Junior, one an Intermediate and the other a Senior, have been awarded a Bible readers certificate with seals attached. These sisters are members of the B. Y. P. U.'s of the Bay Springs Church, the Misses Jenkins. Mary, a Senior, received a certificate and one seal showing that for four years she has kept up the Daily Bible reading; Velma received her certificate and three seal awards for four years' Daily Bible reading, and Georgia Lee received a certificate and one seal for two years' Junior Daily Bible readings. In addition to these certificates the B. Y. P. U. presented these young ladies with gold B. Y. P. U. pins in appreciation of this fine spirit of co-operation in this phase of the B. Y. P. U. work. At the Weekly Assembly of Feb. 19th these awards were presented as a part of a Bible reading program which was the "special feature" for that day.

Here's a New Junior Union

We are glad to report the organization of a Junior B. Y. P. U. at McCall Creek. Miss Edwina Porter reports the fine union and asks for a copy of the standard of excellence showing that they are starting off right by wanting a guide in their work. We are looking forward to enrolling this union as one of our A-1 B. Y. P. U.'s.

Pine Grove, Pearl River County, Senior B. Y. P. U. Reports A-1

Miss Muriel Seal, Corresponding Secretary of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Pine Grove Church in Pearl River County, writes that the union has reached the standard of excellence. We congratulate this union on this good record and hope we may be able to report them all through the year as having maintained this record. Who's next?

MORE ITEMS FROM THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD Thomas J. Watts, Corresponding Secretary

The Annuity Fund of the Relief and Annuity Board now has endowment and reserves in the sum of \$2,108,630.15. The Fund is paying annuities to an annually increasing number of old age claimants, disability beneficiaries and to the widows or orphans of deceased members.

The Relief Board has paid to beneficiaries of the Relief Fund during the ten years of its existence more than \$1,000,000.00. The average amount paid to these beneficiaries is pitifully small, but not too small to be helpful to them. In many cases the amount paid by the Board is all that the recipient gets for his or

her living. The appeals coming to the Board from worthy ministers or their widows are such as would arouse compassionate interest on the part of every warm hearted Christian among Southern Baptists were they to read them.

The Relief Board has issued a little six page paper called "Veterans of the Cross". This paper is to appear quarterly. The next number will be issued in May. Thousands of copies have been mailed to ministers, laymen and women throughout the South. The issue was insufficient to send a copy to all who doubtless would have appreciated it. The cost would have been too great to have sent to every Baptist. If the reader did not get a copy and wishes us to send it, kindly drop us a card. There will, of course, be no charge. We think that it is a worth while publication. We think it a necessary piece of publicity matter.

Cool Calculations

It may be that some church, whose pastor receives a so-called high salary of \$5,000.00 or more per year, with the greater part of his service behind him, will take the position that because he will not receive fifty per cent of his average salary, upon reaching age sixty-five, but is only guaranteed a minimum of \$600.00 per year, it is not worth their while to enter in the proposed Service Annuity Fund and pay 8% of the pastor's salary, in addition to his own payment of 2 1/2%.

This church should bear in mind that it is not merely paying for the Annuity of its present pastor but in co-operating with the Fund is making provision for its pastors throughout the years to come, long after its present pastor has gone to his reward.

But let's see whether or not it would be a good investment in behalf of its present pastor, who, for example we will say is sixty years of age, and whose salary is \$5,000.00 per year. He and his church would pay into the Fund in five years up to age 65 the sum of \$2,625.00. On his guaranteed minimum, he could not receive less than \$600.00 per year, which is a return of 22.8% annually on his and his church's investment. We should think that it is worthy of their cooperation.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST STUDENT LEADERS ADOPT CHALLENGING PROGRAM

The Baptist student leaders from the various Southern states met in Memphis recently to map out plans for the next college year. The meeting was fostered by the Inter-Board Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and brought together many of the state student secretaries, state presidents, and state student chairmen of the South.

Mr. Frank H. Leavell, Executive Secretary of the Inter-Board Commission, presided over the session.

The work of the past year was reviewed and plans laid for the different student meetings of 1928-29.

During the past year, fourteen state student conferences, attended by more than 3,500 students and touching several times that number of people, were held in the South. It was heartily agreed by all present at this meeting that the fall conferences in the different states had proven to be marked successes. Those present at the Memphis meeting were enthusiastic in their preparations and planning for the state conferences and conventions to be held in the fall of this year.

A program of advertising for the student conferences by means of literature, posters, and personal visits to be conducted this spring and early fall was decided upon, guaranteeing an even larger attendance upon the 1928 state conferences and conventions.

It was announced by Secretary Leavell that two summer Retreats would be held—one in Texas, which will be an invitation affair for the other states west of the Mississippi. This Retreat will be held at Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, about the first week in June. The other Retreat, which will be Southwide in its scope, will be held at the Southern Baptist Assembly Grounds at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 8 to 14. These Summer Retreats will afford an opportunity for the student leadership of the South to secure training and inspiration.

The Baptist Student Magazine was presented by Mr. William Hall Preston, Southwide Student Secretary, and a program for securing subscriptions was inaugurated. More personal work along with the securing of subscriptions this spring and a round-up of subscriptions in the fall was agreed upon to increase the subscription list. Several of the B. S. U.'s of the different colleges are planning to order a stated number of copies for the new year to begin with the first fall number of the Magazine.

Renewed emphasis is to be placed upon Missions, Home and Foreign. A special week of vocational emphasis is to be observed in April. Following the election of officers for the coming year on the various campuses, study courses are to be held, and "The Baptist Student Union", a book of B. S. U. methods, will be taught.

During the summer of 1928 the Baptist student work is to be fos-

tered in the various summer schools in session throughout the South. The state conferences and conventions will be held during October and November. A sub-committee, consisting of Mr. W. W. Owen of the University of Arkansas, Mr. Nane Starnes of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and Mr. Andrew Allen of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary will meet in April to co-operate with the Inter-Board Commission in perfecting plans for the fall conferences.

Secretary Leavell informed the leaders that literature was soon forthcoming to aid state and local student secretaries, and state and local B. S. U. officers. The pastors in university and college towns will be invited to get together at the Southern Baptist Convention, which will convene in May in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Baptist Student Unions, which are the connecting link between the colleges and the churches in the college towns, are increasing in their numbers and effectiveness. More than fifty per cent of the Southern colleges and universities in which student work is carried on already have B. S. U.'s. The more than 100,000 Baptist students of the South present a challenge to Southern Baptists.

EL PASO SANATORIUM AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE H. F. Vermillion

The efficiency committee proposes to recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention that we sell the El Paso Tuberculosis Hospital as soon as possible. Last May the Chairman of the Efficiency Committee gave me the name of the member who was appointed as a sub-committee member to make the whole committee recommendations concerning the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. On May 24th I wrote this brother and offered to place at his disposal all desired information and invited him to visit the Sanatorium and get first hand knowledge. He did not acknowledge receipt of my letter nor make reply. I wrote him again in August renewing my offer and request. He made no reply. I wrote him again in October, sending him some information about our work and asking him to make a real investigation before making recommendations. October 27th he replied in part as follows:

"It is not a question as to whether the El Paso hospital and New Orleans hospital are efficient. If they were one hundred times as efficient as they are, that would be no proof that the Baptists of the South want to continue them. In my judgment the Baptists want to go out of the hospital business no matter how efficient they are." Later he wrote me saying, "The committee called for by the Efficiency Committee is a readjustment committee whose business it is to look into the matter of disposition of the property to the best advantage. Unless something of this kind is done at the next Convention, many states along the eastern seaboard will pull

out from the cooperative program. They have simply made up their minds not to support these hospitals and the quicker you see their point of view, the better it will be." He refers to the New Orleans and El Paso hospitals. The reader can readily see that his recommendations were not made after an investigation of the merits of the question but only upon the idea that his mind was already made up and must not be changed. I do not believe that his threat that the Baptists along the seaboard "will pull out of the cooperative program" unless the Convention in Chattanooga orders the sale of the New Orleans and El Paso hospitals represents the spirit of any considerable number of Baptists in any state. I will stand by the cooperative program whatever the Convention does about this or any other matter. Practically all real Baptists will do the same thing.

The following points should be borne in mind when considering the Sanatorium at El Paso:

1. We have had an average of about 100 patients under treatment for this year, about 60 of them boarding patients.

2. The Sanatorium near its beginning received \$41,000 from the denomination and did \$5,000 worth of charity. To date this year the Sanatorium has received \$15,400 in round numbers from the denomination and has done \$6,900 of charity work. For the month of January, 1928, the Sanatorium operated at a profit of \$782.12 and there was a profit in one other month recently. At the present rate the Sanatorium will soon be operating at an annual profit instead of a loss.

3. If our Baptist people will be patient with us a little longer we will have a self-supporting institution of which all of them will be proud. A great hospital executive sent by the Home Mission Board to investigate the Sanatorium reported to the Board that the Sanatorium was to him a surprisingly wonderful institution of which all Baptists will soon be proud. Agitation of the sale of the property hurts and hinders our progress toward self support but among Baptists independence of opinion and freedom of expression must be maintained both in principle and in practice.

4. The Sanatorium is bonded for \$270,000 of the denomination's debt only a small portion of which debt is chargeable to building and operating it. The bondholders might object to us selling it. Besides it is not likely that we will find a purchaser who would assume the payment of those bonds.

Mr. Armstrong writes: "Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armstrong, gospel singers, began a meeting March 4th at the First Church of Needham, Mass. Mrs. Armstrong is doing the preaching here, as she did a year ago. Francis Smith was pastor of this historic church when he wrote 'America'. Their permanent address is Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn."

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mattie Simpson

Whereas, our Heavenly Father on the night of December 15th, saw fit to call from her earthly abiding

place to the heavenly home the spirit of our beloved sister and co-worker, Sister Mattie Simpson, and

Whereas, from time to time Sister Simpson had held important offices in the Woman's Missionary Society, at one time being the very efficient president; therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we the Woman's Missionary Society of Flora Baptist Church desire to express our deep appreciation of her faithful service, her quiet, unassuming devotion to the Master's cause, her earnestness of purpose in all things undertaken by her, her useful example of love and loyalty to her friends and loved ones.

Second, That in the death of our Sister, our Society, our Sunday School, and our church have lost a loyal and devoted member.

Third, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well" and acknowledge His supreme power and goodness and thank Him that we were given the great privilege of being co-laborers with one who exemplified so many Christian virtues as did our beloved and sainted Sister.

Fourth, That our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the sorrowing loved ones and we commend them to the love and care of the Heavenly Father, whom she loved and served so devotedly.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the W. M. U., a copy be sent to each of her daughters and son, and a copy be sent to The Baptist Record for publication. Committee:

Mrs. F. W. Hammack,
Mrs. E. A. Holloway,
Mrs. Jno. B. Riley.

Obituary

Mrs. E. M. Biggart, whose maiden name was Myrick, was born near Macon, Ga., May 21, 1834. At nine years of age she moved with her parents to Mississippi and settled near Thomastown. At the age of nineteen she was married to Wilburn Hines. To this union one son was born. Mr. Hines lived only four years. In November of 1869 she was married to J. F. Biggart, who preceded her to the grave seventeen years ago. To this union five children were born, two sons and three daughters, only two of which survive her—one son, W. A. Biggart, and one daughter, Lula Stanton, both of Thomastown, Miss.

Mrs. Biggart professed faith in Christ and united with the Thomastown Baptist Church in early womanhood, and ever lived a faithful and consistent Christian life. She was a devoted wife, a loving and painstaking mother and a neighbor who practiced the Golden Rule. Some years ago she became afflicted with facial neuralgia. She bore her suffering with patience, never murmur-

ing, but always courteous and kind to those who attended her. A few months ago her decline became apparent, as her suffering grew more intense, and it became evident that the end was near, so on the morning of Jan. 23, without a struggle or even a gasp, she fell asleep in Jesus to await the resurrection of the Just.

Mrs. Biggart at death was 93 years, 8 months and 2 days old. Eighty-four years of her life were spent within a radius of a few miles of Thomastown, Miss. Besides two children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, she leaves a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her demise.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Odom, and she was tenderly laid to rest in the Thomastown Cemetery, with a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attending. The beautiful floral offerings showed the esteem in which she was held.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Yes, dear one, thou art gone

To the beautiful Land of rest,

No more sickness, no more death

Shall cross thy peaceful breast.

She is gone, but not forgotten.

Never will our memory fade,

Loving thoughts will ever linger

Around the grave where she was

laid.

—One Who Loved Her.

Obituary

Whereas, the Angel of Death visited the home of our beloved brother and friend, Brother W. H. Varner, and called him to his reward on Jan. 21, 1928;

Therefore, be it resolved that in his going the church has sustained a great loss, the community bereft of one of its best and most highly respected citizens, one who was faithful to his family and devoted to his church and God.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the membership of Concord Baptist Church, of which he was not only a consistent member but a deacon, extend to his bereaved wife and children their heartfelt sympathies and condolence in this their hour of bereavement. May God's richest blessings rest upon his family, and may they not sorrow as those who have no hope.

G. S. Ware,
Mrs. Ruby Moore,
Berlie Barnes,
Committee.

Obituary

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his wisdom has seen fit to remove by death our beloved brother, W. R. Patrick, who was called from the walks of earthly trials on Dec. 14, 1927;

Therefore, be it resolved in his passing away that Concord Church has sustained a great loss, his family an irreparable loss, the community one of its best citizens.

He was faithful to his church and to his God. For years he was our senior teacher in the Sunday School, succeeded his father as clerk of the church, in which capacity he was serving at his death.

We, the members of Concord Church, extend to his bereaved wife and children our deepest sympathies in this their great loss. May we point them to Jesus, who said, "I am the way", and may they realize that their loss is his gain.

G. S. Ware,
Mrs. Ruby Moore,
Berlie Barnes,
Committee.

Obituary

A great loss has come to DeSoto Baptist Church in the home-going of Deacon Geo. B. Parker.

His life has been a blessed and wholesome influence in this community for many years—especially in church and Sunday School work. He won the love and respect of men by his love and respect for them. The potent factor in his life was ever on the side of morality and religion, therefore of great value to his associates.

In his relation to his fellow-man, he was honorable in the highest degree, and consequently enjoyed the unbroken confidence of all who knew him. He was genial and hopeful in spirit, thoughtful and kind in word, and charitable toward all worthy causes. Heaven is inhabited by such characters as he was. May his good works follow him.

Mrs. J. F. Pippen,
Mrs. J. D. Ferrell,
Mrs. Robt. Gilbert,
Committee.

Obituary

Truman A. Thomas was born in Jasper County, Miss., Feb. 15th, 1896; died in Government T. B. Hospital in Meridian, Miss., Nov. 13th, 1927, age 31 years, 9 months and 28 days.

He united with Heidelberg Baptist Church at the age of 14 years, and was Baptized by Rev. Elliott, the pastor. He remained a faithful member there until the church was organized at Pine Grove. He then moved his membership here shortly after the organization in 1919, where he remained a faithful, consecrated Christian until death called him Home to Heaven.

Truman was among the first to answer the call to cross over and fight for his country, being inducted into the service on October the 10th, 1917. Left U. S. A. on June 12th, 1918, fought in the battle at Marne, France, July 17th, 1918, and Verdun, Argonne Forest, October 21st, 1918, received a shrapnel wound in back and leg on July 17th, and was gassed October 21st, 1918, was honorably discharged on January 27th, 1919, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. From this time on Truman remained a disabled "Soldier Boy". He spent a good many days in the T. B. Sanatorium at Magee, Miss., also in Government Hospital at Alexandria, La. Failing to find relief at these hospitals, he went West, spent six months out there seeking health. While there he underwent an operation for appendicitis. When stronger came home, later suffering so severely with tonsillitis until an operation for removal of tonsils was advised. After this he gradually grew worse

for two years. On Feb. 6th, 1927, he was carried to Meridian in a serious condition, and remained there until death brought relief.

The remains were brought home and laid beneath many beautiful floral offerings in Pine Grove Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by his much loved pastor, Rev. G. A. Smith, being buried with Masonic honors, he being one of their most loyal members of Lodge No. 479 H. V. A. M., having reached the 32nd degree.

Truman's going has not only left a vacancy in the home, but church and community that never can be filled. To know him was to love him. He leaves behind a father, step-mother (who stood by him till the last), three brothers and one sister, grandmother and one little niece, Eloise, whom he loved so dearly; besides these many friends and other relatives.

Mourn not the dead whose lives declare

That they have nobly borne their part,

For victory's golden crown they wear

Reserved for every faithful heart.

Lovingly,

Aunt Bertie (Mrs. Sim D. Thatch).

"Rose Marie Ruble"

On the night of Jan. 6th, our Father needed another rosebud in His Heavenly Garden, so He called Baby Rose Marie Ruble, and she was a perfect rosebud.

She was 16 months old, and of very loving disposition, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ruble, of Moss Point. Rose Marie had been sick for many weeks and had suffered lots for one so young, though through it all she managed to have a smile on her little face.

May our Heavenly Father comfort these young parents in this hour, is the sincere wish of

—Their Friends.

SOME FINANCIAL BY-PRODUCTS OF THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

(By H. K. Ezell.)

No money multiplies itself more rapidly in added contributions to our denominational work than that spent on theological education. Southern Baptists have shown great wisdom in establishing three theological institutions. All of these are essential to our denominational life and growth. The Baptist Bible Institute is reaching a constituency around New Orleans that could not be reached by the other schools. Since the opening of the institution in 1918, the growth of Baptists in New Orleans and the increase in gifts to local and denominational causes have been phenomenal. In 1918 the Orleans-St. Tammany Association had a membership of 2,142—1,479 of these were members of the Baptist churches in New Orleans. The total contributions of this association to local work were \$23,597.92, and to Missions and Benevolences, \$6,836.45. The churches of New Orleans withdrew in 1924 to form the New Orleans Association. In 1927, this association had

4,569 members. Their gifts for the same year were, for local work, \$100,202.49, and to Missions and Benevolences \$30,976.85. New Orleans Baptists gave \$542.48 more to Missions in 1927 than the Orleans-St. Tammany Association gave to all causes in 1918. This growth is very largely attributable to the influence and work of the Baptist Bible Institute.

Some facts concerning the work of the pastors in the Baptist Bible Institute, who are working for the Master's or Doctor's degree in theology, will demonstrate the value of this department. The theological department has been growing every year, until there are now fifty-seven students enrolled. Thirty-one of these are pastors of fifty churches, thirty-six of which have had student pastors for as long as one year. The gifts of these thirty-six churches in 1927, showed an increase of \$9,410 to the causes fostered by the Cooperative Program, and \$30,920 to local work over that they gave before they had student pastors. Hence there has been an average increase for each church of \$261.39 in gifts to the Cooperative Program.

Again, one of the helpful phases of theological training is the practical experience the student receives from pastoral work. At both of our seminaries there are already more ministerial students than there are churches available for them. If the theological students of the Baptist Bible Institute who now have church work, should go to either of the seminaries, it would mean that this number of students would not have church work. They would be without pastorates, and would have to be aided financially by the denomination; not to mention the injury which would naturally ensue to the work in and around New Orleans. It costs only \$6,980 above the expenses of the other departments to maintain the theological department of this institution. If our theological students who are now self-supporting, went to either of the seminaries the extra cost of student aid would be about as much as the added cost of the theological department of the Baptist Bible Institute. If the thirty-one pastors received only \$20 per month aid from the denomination, this would be \$4,960 a year. Living expenses would demand \$40 per month more, which would incur for them a debt of \$14,880 a year. Now, if we should add the extra cost of student aid, \$4,960 to the increase of \$9,410 to the Cooperative Program that has come as a result of the work of the student pastors, we see at once that it is cheaper to educate these students at the Baptist Bible Institute than it would be at either of the other institutions, and that the theological department of the Baptist Bible Institute is a financial asset to the denomination.

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however, must be prepared to do some good, hard thinking in order that he may get the greatest good from the book.

Imagination and Religion, by S. Parkes Cadman, D.D. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.50. The Cole Lectures, Vanderbilt University, 1924.

These six lectures are of a very high order—intellectual, scriptural, scientific, and for the most part, practical. The author would lead young ministers to understand and appreciate the value of the imagination and warn them against the perils of a misguided imagination. He discusses the power, the wonders and the perils of imagination; imagination in man's spiritual growth and in the Bible; and the Christ of romance. One must have had some training in psychology before he can fully appreciate these discussions; but the book will do any minister good who will read it and will think as he reads.

The Power of An Endless Life, by Henry Hallam Saunderson. The Century Company, New York. \$1.00.

The theme of this little volume is that belief in immortality will inspire, elevate and purify human life. He discusses the subject under the following divisions: The Discovery of Immortality; The Source of Power; Immortality as a Duty; The Spirit and Its Implement; The Life of the Tide; The Unfailing Comrade. It would be a queer sort of mind that could doubt the immortality of the soul after reading this book.

One Hundred and One Hymn Stories, by Carl F. Price. Abingdon Press. \$1.00.

A new interest is being awakened in the study of hymnology. We are learning that a hymn has character as well as an individual, and that we cannot properly estimate a hymn until we know something of the writer and the circumstances under which the hymn is written. This is exactly what the author does in this attractive little volume. It is a good book for you to read and then pass on to your minister.

The Hymnody of the Christian Church, by Louis F. Benson, D.D. George H. Doran, New York. \$2.00.

This is a sane and timely discussion of a most important subject. The author believes that "the hymn belongs among the things of the spirit, and that hymnody is essentially a spiritual function. The hymn is a melody in the individual heart: hymnody is the harmony of brotherhood". He discusses the Apostolic Ideal of Hymnody, the Relation of the Hymn to Holy Scripture, the Relation of the Hymn to Literature, the Contents of the Hymn, the Text of Hymns, Hymn Singing, and the Inheritance and Outlook. He deplores the fact that we have descended to the low level of the current popular song. The book will do great good in the hands of pastors and all who are interested in bringing better music into our churches.

Pen-Pictures of the Upper Room, by Bernard C. Clausen. Revell Com-

pany, New York. \$1.50.

This gifted writer has pursued the same method of portrayal as in his other books. In this volume he discusses the Lord's Supper and the events connected with it in a most unique and entertaining manner. He traces the various steps in the memorial plan in a way that every thoughtful reader will appreciate: The Passover, the Prelude, the Preparations, the Pride, the Pact, the Powering, the Prediction, the Portions, the Praise, the Plea, the Promise, the Prayer, the Psalm, the Procession. This is a rather long "pod of P's", but there is nothing mechanical or superficial about it. It is an interesting and helpful discussion of a most vital theme.

The Art of the Wallace Collection, by Henry C. Shelley. L. C. Page Company, Boston. \$3.75.

Another of that wonderful series: The Art Galleries of Europe! Lovers of art will revel in the delights of the good things this volume contains. There is not only an interesting history of the founding of this famous collection but a description of the pictures and a survey of the chief exhibits in the various galleries devoted to the objects of art: Furniture, bronzes, marbles, porcelain, illuminations and miniatures. In this collection there are to be found the masterpieces of some of the world's greatest artists: Gainsborough, Potter, Teniers, Rembrandt, Carot, Dechamps, Luini, Titian, Rubens, Van Dyck and a host of others. There are about fifty illustrations which add much to the charm and attractiveness of this exquisite volume.

Bible Dramatics, by James Watt Raine. The Century Company. Price \$2.00.

In this work we have something that will interest mature people who are willing to do some original thinking as well as follow the suggestions of the author. As never before are we impressed with the dramatic element contained in the Bible and the ease and effectiveness with which its history, manners and customs, social and political, as well as the religious life of the people of that day, can be portrayed with wonderful effect. The drama started in the church. May it not be brought back and elevated and purified and made to do a real service?

Bible Dramas in the Pulpit, by Perry J. Stackhouse. The Judson Press, Philadelphia. \$1.25 net.

I have not summoned courage to undertake what the author suggests in this book, but the work shows how one possessed with modest dramatic gifts might be enabled to give a clearer knowledge of Bible characters and make these old time stories live in the minds of children especially. We have no doubt but that the older people, too, would enjoy pulpit dramas when presented in a reverential spirit, as it is possible to do.

Our Wedding Memory Book, by Edna Marie Dunn. The Judson Press, Philadelphia. Price 50c.

This is a new wedding book of twenty pages, with artistic drawings and spaces for all the things

needed in a wedding book. It is of convenient size and very attractive.

MEETING AT GUNNISON, MISS.

It was my happy privilege to be with the good people in Gunnison, Miss., from Feb. 13th through the 19th, in a revival meeting. The services were held in the high school auditorium morning and night.

Mr. Bell, who is the efficient superintendent of the high school, made it possible for the students to attend all the services, and it was largely through his cooperation that we were able to reach so many of the boys and girls.

Mr. Lorange, who is professor of mathematics in the school, led the singing. He said that singing was not his line of work, but he surely knows how to get hold of the folk and enlist them in music. He especially did good work with the junior choir. Mrs. Lorange, who is teaching music in the school, did the playing.

The spirit of cooperation was the best I have ever seen anywhere. The whole faculty of the school were behind us in every move that we made for the interest of the meeting. All of the other denominations were by our side praying and working that the will of God might be done.

The Baptist folk were without a

pastor, and we felt the need of a more definite organization in the work, but in many respects it was one of the best meetings I have ever experienced. As an outward result of the meeting there were thirty-four that gave their hearts and lives into the hands of Jesus. There were no high pressure methods used at all, just the simple story of Jesus and his love for lost boys and girls. Every one had a chance to think for himself. And they all made their decisions as the Holy Spirit moved in their hearts.

Surely hope that God will lead some young Baptist minister into the field of service at Gunnison. They are a fine lot of folk, and they are looking for some one to lead them into higher fields of service for God. As the days go on I shall look back with pleasure to the time spent in the service of the Lord with the good people of Gunnison.

— W. C. Howard,
Pastor of Flora Baptist Church.

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